

Question on Notice

No. 20

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MS R BATES ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON Y D'ATH) –

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise for all departments, agencies and authorities under the Minister's control, for the immediate past year and the preceding period, the number of pages of documents (a) proactively released, (b) released pursuant to the administrative access scheme and (c) released pursuant to the Right to Information Act 2009?

ANSWER

Queensland Health proactively publishes information on its website at <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/research-reports/reports>.

This information includes:

- reviews and investigations;
- clinical, hospital and patient data and statistics;
- public health; and
- environmental health.

Health agencies, including the Hospital and Health Services, Office of the Health Ombudsman, Mental Health Review Tribunal and Queensland Ambulance Service also proactively release information via their websites.

In ensuring provision of information under formal Right to Information legislation is considered 'last resort', Queensland Health has administrative access schemes in place for release of health information. I am advised that the number of pages released under administrative access schemes or via proactive release is not routinely captured, however the breakdown of administrative access applications processed is as follows:

Financial year	Applications processed
2018/19	17,702
2019/20	17,911

In addition to administrative schemes, applications are processed daily under court ordered and legislatively based mechanisms in accordance with the Part 7 of the *Hospital and Health Boards Act 2011*.

Annual reports provide a varied range of statistical data on applications processed under the *Right to Information Act 2009* (the RTI Act) and *Information Privacy Act 2009* (the IP Act) and can be accessed at <https://www.rti.qld.gov.au/>. Department of Health collates this information on behalf of the Health Portfolio.

I am advised that the count of total pages released in the table below is the total number of pages assessed, minus the number of pages refused in part or in full:

Financial year	Total pages released under RTI legislation
2018/19	1,700,025
2019/20	1,725,646