

Question on Notice

No. 66

Asked on 20 April 2021

DR M ROBINSON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON Y D'ATH) –

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise in relation to ambulance ramping at the Redland Hospital (a) the number of incidents over the past six months by month and the reasons for ramping and (b) how many patient transports have been bypassed from Redland Hospital to other locations over this timeframe?

ANSWER

Access to timely public hospital services and responding to the growing demand for ambulance and emergency department (ED) presentations is a key priority for the Palaszczuk Government.

Queensland continues to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic which has impacted on our health system.

The Palaszczuk Government will invest \$100 Million to assist with Ambulance delays and patient flow at our Hospital's, this investment includes:

- \$7.2 million to open an additional 26 beds at Ipswich Hospital
- \$5.3 million for an additional 13 beds for patients in West Moreton
- \$7.1 million for an additional 26 beds at QEII Hospital
- \$20 million for 'winter bed' funding to open more beds in areas with the most demand
- \$15 million to permanently expand Hospital in the Home services which were temporarily established as part of our COVID-19 response
- \$10 million to permanently expand Residential Aged Care Support Services which were temporarily established as part of our COVID-19 response
- \$5m million to pilot targeted expansions of post-acute services (including physiotherapists, occupational therapists etc) to support faster and safe discharge from hospital.
- \$4 million to support appropriate discharge of long staying patients from hospital and ensuring they receive continued care in the right setting
- \$4 million to expand our mental health co-responder model by an additional four teams over the next three years.

- \$6.5 million reinvestment in successful programs delivered through the Care in the Right Setting Funding Program, including the Rapid Paediatric Sepsis Pathway.
- \$5 million for a targeted expansion of the Transfer Initiative Nurse model by an additional four hospitals to support getting our ambulances back on the road faster.

I am advised that the below is the number of patients transported to Redland Hospital over the past six months and the patient of stretcher time data for the same period:

Month	Number of patients transported to Redland Hospital	Off Stretcher Percentage < 30 minutes
October 2020	1,244	59.97%
November 2020	1,400	65.14%
December 2020	1,434	60.74%
January 2021	1,421	67.84%
February 2021	1,233	48.66%
March 2021	1,342	40.91%

The Queensland Ambulance Service does not bypass hospitals; paramedics transport patients to the most clinically appropriate hospital.

When a triage Category 1 patient who is our most critically sick and injured, arrives at the Redland Hospital Emergency Department, they are seen within two minutes 100% of the time.