Question on Notice No. 1065 Asked on 14 October 2022

MR D LAST ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

With reference to Media reports on 2 October that, when speaking about the purchase of new aircraft for QGAir, Acting Assistant Commissioner Marcus Hill said 'since July last year we have carried 13,000 passengers in the aircraft that we have got'— Will the Minister advise of that 13,000, how many were transported due to (a) patient transfers, (b) organ transplant and (c) transport of the Premier, Ministers and their associated staff?

ANSWER:

The fixed-wing fleet renewal program replaces an ageing fleet, reduces aircraft type and meets increasing Queensland Police Service (QPS) aviation demand, particularly in preparation for the 2032 Olympic Games.

I am advised by the QPS that between 1 July 2021 and 30 September 2022:

- 303 (or 2.4%) passengers travelled for the purposes of organ transportation in fixed wing aircraft;
- 11,917 (or 92.8%) passengers travelled for policing operations, prisoner transfers and/or community safety purposes; and
- 607 or (4.8%) passengers travelled for executive, ministerial or government related purposes.

These statistics do not relate to the aeromedical retrieval conducted by Queensland Government rotary wing aircraft.