

Question on Notice

No. 1236

Asked on 28 October 2022

MR S BENNETT ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON Y D'ATH)—

QUESTION

With reference to Bundaberg Hospital—

Will the Minister provide (a) staff currently on leave or absent (reported separately by staff roles i.e. nurse, doctor etc), (b) total number of reported assaults on staff this year (reported separately by staff roles) and (c) number of staff on leave or absent as a result of workplace assault?

ANSWER

At the outset I would like to commend the dedication our staff bring, everyday to the workplace, to care for their patients and community.

I would also reiterate that any form of occupational violence is not just "part of the job" and no Queensland Health staff should be subjected to abuse, harassment, threatening behaviour or assault by patients, consumers, their relatives or members of the public, irrespective of the intent for harm.

I have been advised by the Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service of the following:

(a) Staff on leave[^] for the fortnight ending 30/10/2022:

Stream	QH FTE
Administration	44.6
Clinical Assistants	11
Dental Officers	1.7
Professional	1
Health Practitioners	21.7
Medical Officers	39.5
Nursing	129.9
Operational	33.2
Trades	0.6

[^] leave may include long service, sick, recreation, bereavement or other types of leave

Data source; DSS

QH FTE - Actual paid Full time Equivalents (FTE)

Calculated as the number of employee hours (paid, unpaid or contracted) divided by the award standard hours per fortnight

Yearly and monthly QH FTE figures are aggregated (combined) average FTE

QH FTE are attached to the period worked. Retrospective adjustments are posted back to the prior period they were worked.

(b) Physical assaults reported from 1 January 2022 to 2 November 2022

Stream	Reported events
Administration	1
Clinical Assistants	0
Health Practitioners	9
Medical Officers	0
Nursing	65
Operational	11
Trades	0

(c) Number of staff on leave or absent as a result of workplace assault

This information is not recorded. However, the number of current open Workcover claims due to physical assault in the workplace are as follows:

Stream	Open claims *
Administration	0
Clinical Assistants	0
Health Practitioners	2
Medical Officers	0
Nursing	4
Operational	0
Trades	0

*note the data does not indicate if the staff member is on leave, or on leave specifically as a result of the physical assault incident.