

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 1322**

**Asked on 9 November 2022**

**MR B HEAD** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON Y D'ATH)—

### **QUESTION**

With reference to Queensland Audit Office Report 2: 2021-22 (Measuring emergency department patient wait time)—

Will the Minister advise the five longest stays (in hours) faced by a patient in a short-term treatment area within the Emergency Department (such as short stay units, clinical decision units), (reported separately by month from 1 January 2022 and each of Queensland's 26 largest reporting hospitals)?

### **ANSWER**

Queensland Health hospitals report admitted patient activity to the Queensland Hospital Admitted Patient Data Collection (QHAPDC); these data include transfers to/from wards and units, and patients may have several ward transfers during the one admitted patient episode of care.

I am advised by the department that currently hospitals report admitted patient activity relevant to emergency department/short stay patients using combinations of standardised ward codes and local ward/unit codes. These combinations are not uniform state-wide and can be unique to individual hospitals - this factor confounds comparable data being produced centrally. Therefore, the data requested is not available.