

Question on Notice

No. 1335

Asked on 10 November 2022

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

QUESTION

With reference to cardiologists at Bundaberg Hospital—

Will the Minister (a) confirm how many cardiologists are currently at Bundaberg Hospital, (b) advise what processes if any, are currently in place to recruit more cardiologists and (c) advise how many cardiologists are expected to be recruited to Bundaberg Hospital?

ANSWER

Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service (WBHHS) have a mixed model of care with both local services and referral to Metro North Hospital and Health Service for tertiary level care. In addition to this the service works in partnership with Genesis Care to provide public cardiology services.

WBHHS continue to work with both to ensure seamless cardiology pathways for the Bundaberg community.

I am advised Genesis Care have four full time equivalent (FTE) Cardiologists, two of which are permanent and two temporary, all of which undertake an element of public duties.

WBHHS will continue to work in partnership with Genesis Care regarding ongoing recruitment and service provision, to address the workforce challenges and build local sustainability.