

Question on Notice

No. 1340

Asked on 10 November 2022

MS A CRAMM ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON Y D'ATH)—

QUESTION

Will the Minister provide the number of FTE social workers that are available for sexual assault victims (reported separately by hospital and year) for Queensland's 26 largest reporting hospitals in the last two years?

ANSWER

Queensland Health has sexual assault response teams based in both hospital and community health services. Supporting people who have experienced sexual assault is a core area of practice for the social work profession, and forms part of social work roles in emergency departments, inpatient wards and community settings across the state.

I am advised by the department, on 2 October 2022, there were 1082 full-time equivalent (FTE) social worker positions in Queensland hospital and health services. This was an increase of 51 FTE or five percent from the same time in 2021 and an increase of 85 FTE or eight and a half percent from October 2020.