

## Question on Notice

No. 1351

Asked on 10 November 2022

**MR T WATTS** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON Y D'ATH)—

### QUESTION

With reference to youth mental health—

Will the Minister advise (a) how many beds are currently in the youth mental health ward at the Toowoomba Hospital, (b) over the last 24 months (reported monthly) how many beds were available and (c) upon completion of the new Tertiary Hospital at Baillie Henderson, how many beds will be on the Youth Mental Health ward?

### ANSWER

- (a) I am advised by the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service that there are eight specialised child and adolescent acute psychiatric beds at Toowoomba Hospital.
- (b) The following tables provide the number of beds, beds occupied, and beds unoccupied, by month since October 2020 for the Child and Youth Mental Health Service at Toowoomba Hospital.

#### 2020:

	Oct	Nov	Dec
Number of Beds	8	8	8
Beds Occupied	5	6	3
Beds Unoccupied	3	2	5

#### 2021:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Number of Beds	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Beds Occupied	3	5	3	2	4	5	4	5	3	5	4	4
Beds Unoccupied	5	3	5	6	4	3	4	3	5	3	4	4

#### 2022:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Number of Beds	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Beds Occupied	2	4	4	3	4	2	2	3	3
Beds Unoccupied	6	4	4	5	4	6	6	5	5

- (c) I am advised that the number of specialised child and adolescent acute psychiatric beds at the New Toowoomba Hospital will be finalised following the completion of the detailed design phase. I can confirm that there will be no reduction in the number of specialised child and adolescent acute psychiatric beds at the new hospital, which will include a total of 118 additional beds.