

Question on Notice

No. 1472

Asked on 1 December 2022

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

QUESTION

Will the Minister provide, for the 26 largest reporting hospitals, the number of (a) doctors and (b) nurses trained to perform a sexual assault forensic medical examination?

ANSWER

Emergency departments are the predominant place where a sexual assault forensic medical examination would occur.

I am advised Queensland Health's Clinical Forensic Medicine Unit (CFMU) provides support and training to officers to perform sexual assault medical examinations, and it is noted as of 5 December 2022:

- since 2019, 230 clinicians have attended the training
- 97 nurses have received the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) qualification.

The Clinical Forensic Medicine Unit also provide 24/7, state-wide support by maintaining an on-call Forensic Physician roster. Any doctor or appropriately qualified nurse can contact the on-call Forensic Physician in the event of an adult sexual assault forensic examination request.

The Department of Health, in partnership with the Department of Justice and Attorney-General and Queensland Police Service, is undertaking an accelerated program of work to ensure the expedient implementation of recommendations 86 to 97 arising from the Commission of Inquiry into Forensic DNA Testing in Queensland, and recommendation 36 of the Women's Safety and Justice Taskforce.

Regular updates will be provided on the implementation of these recommendations.