

Question on Notice

No. 520

Asked on 25 May 2022

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

QUESTION

Will the Minister provide the amount of ambulance 'lost time' (reported separately by calendar month) from January 2012 to December 2015?

ANSWER

Queensland Health publicly reports a variety of data including Patient Off-Stretcher Time (POST) against the Queensland Health approved key performance measures on the Hospital Performance website. The website outlines a range of information for Queenslanders to understand the performance of their health system.

I am advised that Lost Time is the total amount of time elapsed between the agreed POST target (within 30 minutes) and the time that a patient is transferred off stretcher to the care of the Hospital and Health Service clinical staff. It should be noted that throughout the whole process, patients are cared for, by qualified medical professionals.

The health system is dynamic, and its performance is determined by a myriad of different internal and external factors, just like in any other health system across the country. I am advised that POST information should be read in conjunction with the internal and external factors occurring at the relevant time. As such, I am advised that to provide three years of data, as the member is seeking, with the adequate explanations of the internal and external factors which were occurring at the time, to ensure the information is interpreted and understood correctly, is resource intense and is not appropriate.