

Question on Notice

No. 529

Asked on 25 May 2022

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

QUESTION

With reference to the Toowoomba Hospital—

Will the Minister advise (a) how many long stay patients are currently in the hospital, and their average stay in days, (b) how many patients in the Toowoomba Hospital in the first 4 months of year (reported individually) were not on the appropriate ward and (c) from 2012 to 2022 to date (reported yearly) how many code yellows have been reported at the Toowoomba Hospital?

ANSWER

I have been advised of the following by the Hospital and Health Service:

- a) On 1 June 2022, there were 58 long stay patients in Toowoomba Hospital. The median length of stay equals 46 days, and the mean length of stay equals 59 days. This includes patients with a length of stay greater than or equal to 21 days and excludes patients who were in Hospital In The Home, virtual wards located in aged care facilities and acute psychiatric patients.
- b) The number of outlier patients in Toowoomba Hospital is:

Month	Jan 2022	Feb 2022	Mar 2022	Apr 2022
Outlier Patients (number)	143	177	170	166
Average Outlier Duration (days)	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.9
Total Hospital Discharges	6,198	4,752	5,537	5,249
Outlier Rate (percentage of discharges)	2%	4%	3%	3%

- c) Code yellows by year

Year	Number
2012	11
2013	3
2014	2
2015	2
2016	8
2017	3
2018	4
2019	7
2020	1
2021	4
2022 (to 01 June 2022)	2

A code yellow is defined as an internal emergency which may include failure or threat to services (i.e. phone or electricity outage) or hazardous material incident.