

Question on Notice

No. 631

Asked on 22 June 2022

MR D LAST asked the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services (HON Y D'ATH)—

QUESTION

With reference to Clermont in the Burdekin Electorate—

Will the Minister advise over the last three calendar years (reported separately by year) (a) the amount of PTSS payments made, (b) the number and costs of transporting patients by ambulance from Clermont to other hospitals and (c) the number and costs of transporting patients by aeromedical services from Clermont to other hospitals?

ANSWER

- (a) The amount of Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme payments made for Clermont over the last two years is as follows:

In relation to 2019, the first full year of automated data on PTSS claims for Claremont was 2020.

Calendar Year	Number of claims	Total Amount
2020	1,289	\$ 250,677.86
2021	1,542	\$ 295,538.20

**Data sourced from the enterprise IT solution, PTIMS*

- (b) The Queensland Ambulance Service is funded for Queensland Health Authorised Transports which includes patient transports between all Queensland Health approved hospitals, via appropriation revenue, costs of individual transfer's between Queensland Health facilities is not calculated.
- (c) During the period 1 January 2019 to 26 June 2022, the number of times the Queensland Ambulance Service transported patients from Clermont Hospital to other hospitals was:

Destination Hospital	Calendar Year			
	2019	2020	2021	2022 (to 26 June 2022)
Emerald Hospital	42	69	33	14
Mackay Base Hospital	17	13	10	
Moranbah Hospital		2		
Rockhampton Hospital	1		3	
Townsville University Hospital			2	
Grand Total	60	84	48	14

Note: This extract relies upon the accurate recording of the location type for the originating and destination hospitals.
Source: QACIR-Inter-Facility-Transfers - Dimensional 27/06/2022
Date of extract: 27/06/2022

(d) The number and costs of aeromedical patient transfers from Clermont to other hospitals is as follows:

	2019	2020	2021
Patient transfers	93	126	121
Cost	\$1,053,000	\$1,110, 000	\$1,043,000

Aeromedical retrieval activity data is publicly available from the Queensland Government Open Data Portal website which may be accessed by the link below: <https://www.data.qld.gov.au/dataset/retrieval-services-queensland-rsq-activity> and then under the Data and Resources section, click on the Retrieval Services Queensland Activity link for the relevant reporting periods.