

Question on Notice

No. 655

Asked on 22 June 2022

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

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise from 2018 to 2022 (reported separately by year) (a) how many deaths were registered in Queensland for people aged 75 or over and (b) how many of those deaths occurred whilst the person was 'in care'?

ANSWER

a) The registration of deaths is the responsibility of the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages, within the Department of Justice and Attorney-General. I encourage the Member to direct questions relating to deaths registered in Queensland to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence who has portfolio responsibility for the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) also publishes a variety of mortality statistics for states and territories, which can be accessed at the following link below:

<https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics>

and then select:

- 1) Health
- 2) Causes of death
- 3) Causes of Death, Australia.

b) Data for admitted patients aged 75 years and over that died while receiving care in Queensland hospitals is presented below:

Calendar year	Episodes
2018	9,568
2019	10,030
2020	9,513
2021	10,601
2022 (Jan-Mar)	2,677

Notes:

Source – Queensland Hospital Admitted Patient Data Collection (QHAPDC), Queensland Health Admitted patients aged 75 years and over with discharge status of 'died', public and private hospitals, Queensland 2018 to 2022 (Jan-Mar) calendar years:

1. Excludes episodes of admitted patient care for posthumous organ procurement and boarders.
2. Includes public acute, public psychiatric and private acute hospitals.
3. Data from 1 July 2021 are preliminary and subject to change.