

Question on Notice

No. 797

Asked on 17 August 2022

DR M ROBINSON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON Y D'ATH)—

QUESTION

With reference to Redland Hospital—

Will the Minister advise in relation to the use of a tent outside the Emergency Department to accommodate COVID-19 cases and provide (a) the number of days the temporary facility has been in operation and (b) the number of patients to date that have received treatment within it?

ANSWER

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

The Emergency Department (ED) marquee was opened on 27 June 2022. It has been operational for 57 days (27 June 2022 – 22 August 2022).

Between 27 June 2022 and 18 August 2022, there had been 740 patients treated in the ED Marquee.

The ED marquee at Redland Hospital is a purpose-built, air-conditioned structure which is located directly outside the Emergency Department. It is in operation 24 hours per day and 7 days per week.

Nursing and medical staff deliver care in this area. It is also supported by administration, cleaning, and security staff.

The area is used to complete Rapid Antigen Tests (RATS) and treat patients with mild COVID-19 symptoms who present to the ED.

Since opening the ED Marquee, Redland Hospital has not received a complaint from consumers regarding the use of this area or the care delivery provided in this area.