Question on Notice

No. 983

Asked on 12 October 2022

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

QUESTION
With reference to Emergency Departments in Queensland's 26 largest reporting hospitals—
Will the Minister advise how many patients were in hospital Emergency Departments for more than 24 hours before being discharged or admitted as an inpatient (reported separately by each hospital and each calendar month) from June to September 2022?

ANSWER

A patient may stay for 24 hours within the ED for a number of reasons. This may include patients with volatile clinical status requiring repeated adjustments to treatment interventions and clinical decision making around ongoing care needs and most appropriate disposition. There may be other factors including the requirement for a specific type of bed for example telemetry, negative pressure, isolation or mental health.

When patients do wait in the ED for more than 24 hours, they are monitored by the clinical staff and the management to identify the reason and to take affirmative action where required. For example if a patient is waiting for a medical admission then an escalation process will occur to help facilitate the movement of the patient.

I have been advised by the department that the below lists the number of patients that were in hospital Emergency Departments for more than 24 hours before being discharged or admitted from the months of June to September 2022.

HHS	Facility Name	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22
Cairns and Hinterland	Cairns	5	15	19	6
Central Queensland	Gladstone	29	9	16	11
	Rockhampton	152	123	149	123
Children's Health Queensland	Queensland Children's	10	5	2	5
Darling Downs	Toowoomba	10	16	8	6
Gold Coast	Gold Coast University	131	85	61	74
	Robina	23	23	7	13
Mackay	Mackay	34	54	70	58
Mater Health Service	Mater Adult	24	22	21	25
Metro North	Caboolture	106	143	32	46
	Prince Charles	9	5	8	3
	Redcliffe	11	11	1	6

	Royal Brisbane & Women's	75	112	20	19
Metro South	Logan	186	202	152	75
	Princess Alexandra	70	80	27	21
	Queen Elizabeth II	27	37	39	27
	Redland	256	273	206	127
North West	Mount Isa	22	28	59	36
Sunshine Coast	Gympie	18	30	35	27
	Nambour	9	27	7	5
	Sunshine Coast University	2	20	13	3
Townsville	Townsville	56	27	9	11
West Moreton	Ipswich	159	153	119	75
Wide Bay	Bundaberg	221	227	236	203
	Hervey Bay	292	293	274	281
	Maryborough	49	48	26	23
Top 26 Total		**1,986**	**2,068**	**1,616**	**1,309**

Source: Emergency Data Collection (EDC), 13 October 2022.