

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 1213**

**Asked on 11 October 2023**

**MR L MILLAR** ASKED MINISTER FOR HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR WOMEN (HON S FENTIMAN)—

### **QUESTION**

Will the Minister advise (a) if the Rockhampton Base Hospital has its full requirement of anaesthetists, (b) what that allocation is and (c) whether the staffing appointments are locally-based FTEs or locums?

### **ANSWER**

I am advised that Rockhampton Hospital does not have its full complement of specialist Anaesthetists. The total approved FTE is 13.66 including the Clinical Director.

As at pay period ending the 1 October 2023, there were 9.38 FTE locally based specialists (excluding the Clinical Director), and 2.0 FTE locums, totaling 11.38 FTE filled Anaesthetist roles.

Central Queensland Hospital and Health Service has conducted ongoing recruitment activities and rolling advertisements throughout the year. Live advertisements for anaesthetists have included sending the advertised vacancies to the College of Anaesthetists, to increase the reach of these campaigns.

Recruitment to these permanent vacancies has occurred. One (1) specialist commences in February 2024, and three (3) overseas trained specialists will commence mid-2024. These three (3) doctors will require specialist college assessment, medical registration, and visa sponsorship prior to commencement.

Recruitment activities are ongoing to support the hospital and health service to respond to any changes in anaesthetist staffing.