

Question on Notice

No. 1231

Asked on 12 October 2023

MS R BATES ASKED MINISTER FOR HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR WOMEN (HON S FENTIMAN)—

QUESTION

With reference to answer to Question on Notice No. 1204 of 2021—

Will the Minister provide, for each of the 106 reporting hospitals listed on the 'Hospital Performance' website, the total number of beds (a) available in September 2023 and (b) unavailable in September 2023?

ANSWER

The Palaszczuk Government has a proud record of delivering the health services and infrastructure that our growing state needs.

Since 2015, we have opened more than 1,350 new beds across the state, and will be delivering around 500 more this year. In addition, we are hiring the skilled clinicians needed to look after patients in these beds, with approximately 19,000 extra frontline staff hired since 2015.

Beds can be temporarily unavailable due to a number of factors, such as patient demand, resourcing, hospital renovations and refurbishments, and transferal of services.

I am advised that the below table lists the number of available bed and temporarily unavailable beds, as at 27 September 2023 for each hospital listed on the 'Hospital Performance – Reporting Hospitals' website.

Hospital Name	Available beds	Temporarily unavailable beds
Atherton	64	0
Ayr	31	0
Babinda	11	0
Bamaga	16	0
Barcaldine	12	0
Beauresert	28	0
Biggenden	7	0
Biloela	19	0
Blackall	11	0

Hospital Name	Available beds	Temporarily unavailable beds
Blackwater	10	0
Boonah	22	0
Bowen	29	0
Bundaberg Base	261	0
Caboolture	335	6
Cairns	721	0
Caloundra	35	0
Capricorn Coast (Yeppoon)	22	0
Charleville	19	2
Charters Towers	26	0
Cherbourg	12	0
Childers	13	3
Chinchilla	10	0
Clermont	10	0
Cloncurry	17	0
Cooktown	27	0
Cunnamulla	6	2
Dalby	32	0
Dirranbandi	7	0
Doomadgee	4	3
Dysart	9	0
Eidsvold	3	1
Emerald	37	0
Esk	15	0
Gatton	29	0
Gayndah	10	0
Gin Gin	6	0
Gladstone	94	0
Gold Coast University	928	20
Goondiwindi	24	0
Gympie	91	0
Hervey Bay	210	0
Hughenden	9	0
Ingham	36	0
Innisfail	63	0
Ipswich	468	0
Jandowae	5	0
Joyce Palmer HS	11	0
Julia Creek	2	0
Kilcoy	20	0

Hospital Name	Available beds	Temporarily unavailable beds
Kingaroy	52	0
Laidley	15	0
Logan	520	4
Longreach	22	0
Mackay Base	251	0
Maleny	25	0
Mareeba	52	0
Maryborough	121	0
Mater Hospital Brisbane	386	0
Mater Mothers' Hospital	164	0
Miles	8	0
Millmerran	7	0
Mitchell	12	0
Monto	14	0
Moranbah	12	0
Mornington Island	7	4
Mossman	24	0
Mount Isa	83	5
Mount Morgan	9	0
Moura	3	0
Mundubbera	3	1
Mungindi	3	0
Murgon	10	0
Nambour	207	0
Nanango	10	0
Normanton	14	0
Oakey	8	0
Princess Alexandra	1074	10
Proserpine	33	0
Queen Elizabeth II	245	0
Queensland Children's Hospital	366	0
Quilpie	4	0
Redcliffe	479	0
Redland	210	0
Robina	410	0
Rockhampton	331	0
Roma	44	0
Royal Brisbane & Women's	990	2
Sarina	16	0
Springsure	10	0

Hospital Name	Available beds	Temporarily unavailable beds
St George	29	2
Stanthorpe	22	0
Sunshine Coast University	718	0
Surat	4	0
Surgical Treatment and Rehab Service	162	0
Tara	8	0
Taroom	4	0
Texas	6	0
The Prince Charles	702	1
Thursday Island	29	17
Toowoomba	501	0
Townsville University	800	0
Tully	22	0
Warwick	58	0
Weipa	20	0
Winton	8	0
Woorabinda	7	0

Notes:

1. Available beds are those available on the last Wednesday of the reference month and are exclusively or predominately used for admitted patients with nursing and auxiliary staff available to service patients who might occupy them.
2. Data are consistent with previous counting rules for reporting of available/total beds and are based on current submitted data as of 24 October 2023 which are not published elsewhere.
3. 'Temporarily unavailable beds' are beds that (as of the last Wednesday of the month) are NOT immediately available, and there is a planned date for making the beds available.
4. Data are for the September 2023 period and are preliminary, subject to change.
5. Variations in numbers can relate to changes in the predominant use of the bed such as a change in the model of care employed in an emergency department.

*Source: Monthly Activity Collection, Statistical Services Branch, Department of Health, Queensland
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