

Question on Notice

No. 1616

Asked on 30 November 2023

MR B HEAD ASKED MINISTER FOR HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR WOMEN (HON S FENTIMAN)—

QUESTION

With reference to paramedic positions within the Callide Electorate—

Will the Minister advise the number of paramedics employed by the Queensland Ambulance Service (reported separately by station and year) from 2019 to date, by (a) permanent staff in FTE, (b) casual staff count and (c) current vacant positions and total allocated positions by FTE?

ANSWER

The QAS is the busiest ambulance service in the country, responding to 1.2 million incidents a year and is the only mainland service that is free. This is something that will never change under a Labor Government.

Since 2015, we have employed more than 1,300 additional frontline ambulance officers across Queensland. As a result of our investments, we have ensured that more than 90 per cent of 000 calls are answered within 10 seconds, and 90 per cent of the most critical incidents are attended in approximately 17 minutes.

The QAS is committed to patient safety and the provision of timely, quality, and appropriate patient focused ambulance services, continuously monitoring workload, and undertaking regular reviews to ensure the most appropriate level of service is provided for all communities. The QAS has 17 ambulance stations located within the Callide Electorate, and these ambulance stations provide 24-hour coverage, seven days a week with shifts and on-call arrangements.

The QAS's service delivery model for the Callide Electorate is maintained through the available network of ambulance stations and the ability of the QAS to dynamically deploy road or aeromedical resources, as required.

In reference to (a), please refer to the table below.

Station	30 June 2019	30 June 2020	30 June 2021	30 June 2022	30 June 2023	30 Nov 2023
Baralaba	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Biggenden	2.00	2.00	2.08	2.00	3.00	2.00
Biloela	8.00	12.00	12.63	10.13	9.63	9.63
Calliope	1.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	3.00
Chinchilla	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.00	5.00	4.10
Eidsvold	3.00	2.00	2.00	3.00	2.00	1.00
Gayndah	2.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00

Gin Gin	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	6.16	7.16
Jandowae	1.00	2.00	3.00	2.00	2.60	2.00
Miles	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.00	5.00	5.00
Monto	2.00	2.00	2.00	3.00	4.00	4.00
Moura	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	3.00
Mundubbera	3.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	3.00	3.00
Taroom	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.53	2.53	2.53
Theodore	2.50	3.00	2.00	2.53	1.53	2.53
Wandoan	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	2.00
Wowan	3.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.00
Total	50.50	55.00	55.71	53.19	56.45	56.95

In reference to (b), I am advised that there were no casual staff captured in the reporting data within the Callide Electorate from 2019 to 30 November 2023. The Callide Electorate encompasses three QAS regions, the Central Region, the Sunshine Coast and Wide Bay Region and the Darling Downs and South West Region. There is the possibility that a casual paramedic from one of these three regions did perform a shift/s during this period of time to ensure optimal ambulance coverage was being provided to the Callide community.

In reference to (c) the current vacant positions - please see the table below for vacancies as at 30 November 2023.

Station	Total vacancies
Baralaba	0.00
Biggenden	0.00
Biloela	0.67
Calliope	0.00
Chinchilla	1.90
Eidsvold	1.00
Gayndah	0.00
Gin Gin	0.00
Jandowae	0.00
Miles	0.00
Monto	0.00
Moura	0.00
Mundubbera	0.00
Taroom	0.53
Theodore	0.53
Wandoan	0.00
Wowan	1.00

In reference to (c) the number of total allocated positions by FTE - please refer to the table below.

Station	30 June 2019	30 June 2020	30 June 2021	30 June 2022	30 June 2023	30 Nov 2023
Baralaba	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Biggenden	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00

Biloela	10.30	10.30	10.30	10.30	10.30	10.30
Calliope	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	3.00
Chinchilla	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	6.00
Eidsvold	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Gayndah	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
Gin Gin	5.00	5.00	5.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Jandowae	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Miles	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Monto	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
Moura	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Mundubbera	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
Taroom	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Theodore	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Wandoan	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Wowan	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Total	54.30	54.30	54.30	55.30	55.30	57.30

The data provided in these tables is taken at a point in time from the QAS's payroll system. In monitoring the budget, the QAS reports on paid FTEs, therefore, the number of paid FTEs can be over or under the budgeted FTE employee figure at any time due to employee movements, leave without pay arrangements, bulk recruitment drives etc.