

Question on Notice

No. 449

Asked on 20 April 2023

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

QUESTION

With reference to the protocol for managing capacity of Queensland public hospitals (Protocol number: QH-HSDPTL-025-3:2021)—

Will the Minister provide reported separately by calendar month (a) the number of 'Tier 2' declarations since 1 January 2022 (reported separately by facility), (b) the number of 'Tier 3' declarations since 1 January 2022 (reported separately by Hospital and Health Service (HHS)), (c) the longest duration of a 'Tier 2' declaration (reported separately by facility for each HHS) and (d) the longest duration of a 'Tier 3' declaration (reported separately by HHS)?

ANSWER

Hospital and Health Services routinely report Tier 3 capacity escalations to the Queensland Patient Access Coordination Hub (QPACH), in order to support Hospital and Health Service wide responses and interactions with other Hospital and Health Services.

I have been advised tier 0 - 2 capacity escalations are managed within the facility or Hospital and Health Service (HHS) in alignment with the definitions in the Health Service Directive. They are not routinely recorded locally or reported to QPACH as they are local mechanisms to manage demand.

I am further advised Tier 3 data is not reported on a calendar monthly basis and to extract, collate and fact-check would require an unreasonable diversion of the Department's resources.