

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 495**

**Asked on 9 May 2023**

**MRS D FRECKLINGTON** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON Y D'ATH)—

### **QUESTION**

With reference to Aged Care Assessment Teams (ACAT) which operate out of the Darling Downs HHS, and the West Moreton HHS, and given the lengthy wait times being experienced by people needing an ACAT assessment in the Yarraman district— Will the Minister confirm (a) which ACAT team is responsible for undertaking assessments in the Yarraman township and its surrounding regions and (b) what is the average wait time for an ACAT assessment for both the West Moreton and Darling Downs ACAT team for the period 2018 till present?

### **ANSWER**

The Aged Care Assessment Program (ACAP) is a cooperative working arrangement between the Commonwealth and State and Territory governments to fund and operate Aged Care Assessment Teams (ACATs) across Australia. The core objective of the ACAP is to comprehensively assess the care needs of frail older people and to assist them to gain access to the most appropriate types of care, including approval for Commonwealth Government-subsidised care services.

I can advise that West Moreton Hospital and Health Service is responsible for undertaking assessments in the Yarraman township and surrounding regions.

From January 2018 to March 2023, the average wait time for an ACAT assessment in the West Moreton region was 31.3 days. The average wait time for an ACAT assessment in the Darling Downs Region for the same period, was 26.1 days.

The average ACAT assessment wait times for the West Moreton Hospital and Health Service and Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service during this period are compliant with the Commonwealth's Aged Care Assessment Program Agreement Key Performance Indicators.