

Question on Notice

No. 528

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

QUESTION

With reference to the Queensland Ambulance Service—

Will the Minister advise the following (reported separately by financial year) since 2015-16 (a) the number of single officer shifts and (b) the amount of lost time, in hours, generated by single officers needing to be paired at the commencement of their shift?

ANSWER

The Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) operates a diverse resourcing model with staffing allocations based on a range of factors, including demand for service, population size and demographics.

Paramedics across Queensland may work a single officer shift in a number of capacities, including as Operational Supervisors, Officers-in-Charge, Critical Care Paramedics and Clinical Support Officers.

Single officer models are supported by strategies that include first responder programs, aeromedical response units and the coordination of resources through Queensland Ambulance Service operation centres.

The number of individual shifts fluctuates each day according to demand. As such, manually checking shift numbers over eight years would represent an unreasonable diversion of resources.

The QAS does not measure, nor report on Lost Time, as described in the question.