

Question on Notice

No. 536

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MR A PERRETT ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON Y D'ATH)—

QUESTION

With reference to ambulance call outs to Glenwood and surrounding districts and answer to Question on Notice No. 1844 for 2019—

Will the Minister advise for 2019 to 2022 (reported separately by year) (a) how many ambulances were dispatched to Glenwood and the surrounding districts, (b) how many were dispatched from Gympie, Maryborough, Hervey Bay, and other stations, (c) how many fatalities occurred before the ambulance reached the call out and (d) how many fatalities occurred before transportation to a receiving hospital?

ANSWER

- a) For the purposes of providing this response, the Glenwood and surrounding districts includes the following areas: Anderleigh, Bauple Forest, Glenwood, Gootchie, Gunalda, Kanigan and Neerdie.

Between 2019 to 2022, 2,867 ambulances were dispatched to 2,547 incidents within Glenwood and the surrounding districts. Depending on the severity of an incident, the Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) may dispatch multiple ambulance vehicles to a single incident. The number of ambulance responses to Glenwood and the surrounding districts, by location and year, is as follows:

Location	2019	2020	2021	2022
Anderleigh	13	20	10	10
Bauple Forest	102	125	123	139
Glenwood	351	340	371	436
Gootchie	22	16	14	39
Gunalda	136	167	138	141
Kanigan	43	26	13	37
Neerdie	6	9	11	9
Total	673	703	680	811

- b) The number of ambulance vehicle responses to Gympie, Maryborough, Hervey Bay, and other stations by station and year is as follows:

Station	2019	2020	2021	2022
Gympie	498	496	471	561
Hervey Bay	9	4	6	8
Maryborough	100	116	99	129

Other Stations	66	87	104	113
Total	673	703	680	811

The breakdown of responses indicates the station the ambulance vehicle was allocated to for the shift, however, does not necessarily indicate that the ambulance vehicle responded from that station location at the time of receiving the call.

The QAS dispatches the most appropriate ambulance vehicle, which may already be mobile in the community, at a hospital or at an ambulance station.

- c) Paramedics have attended 30 patients within Glenwood and the surrounding districts, during the requested timeframe, where the patient was identified as being deceased on arrival by the attending paramedics.

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022
Number of patients	8	4	7	11

- d) Providing statistics for the number of fatalities that occurred before transportation to a receiving hospital would represent an unreasonable diversion of QAS resources. This process would require manual review of data entered by the authorising medical practitioners in free-text fields.