

Question on Notice

No. 621

Asked on 23 May 2023

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

QUESTION

With reference to Part 6 'Clinical Reviewers' as identified in the Hospital and Health Boards Act 2011—

Will the Minister provide a list of all reviews undertaken by a 'Clinical Reviewer' since 2015 (including current/ongoing reviews) (reported separately by Hospital and Health Service, purpose of the review and calendar year)?

ANSWER

Queensland Health takes any allegations of misconduct or inadequate clinical practice seriously and follows a strong governance framework in investigating and responding to concerns. Clinical reviews form an important part of improving clinical practice.

As previously stated in response to Question on Notice 1495-2022 and Question on Notice 90-2023, I am advised that a list of all clinical reviews undertaken by a 'Clinical Reviewer' within Queensland Health under part 6, division 3 of the *Hospital and Health Boards Act 2011* (HHB Act) since 2015 is not a readily available report.

Since the commencement of the HHB Act, Hospital and Health Services (HHSs) are not required to advise the Director-General of Queensland Health of clinical reviews they commission locally under part 6 of the HHB Act.

Providing the list requested would require extensive work by each HHS and the Department in terms of extracting, collating and analysing the information. Undertaking that work would necessitate diverting resources from supporting frontline services.