

Question on Notice

No. 666

Asked on 24 May 2023

MS R BATES ASKED MINISTER FOR HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR WOMEN (HON S FENTIMAN)—

QUESTION

With reference to Part 9 Health Service Investigations, as identified in the Hospital and Health Boards Act 2011—

Will the Minister provide a list of all investigations undertaken since 2015 (including current/ongoing investigations) (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. Health Service Investigations (HSIs) form an important part of improving clinical practice.

As previously stated in response to Question on Notice 1450-2022 and Question on Notice 106-2023, I am advised that a list of all health service investigations undertaken by a Health Service Investigator within Queensland Health under Section 190 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 health service investigations they commission locally under part 9 of the HHB Act.

Providing the lists 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.