

Question on Notice

No. 696

Asked on 25 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 answer to Question on Notice No. 516 of 2022—

Will the Minister provide the percentage of Patient off Stretcher Times (POST) achieved within 30 minutes (reported separately by calendar month from January 2012 to June 2021) for the Toowoomba Hospital?

ANSWER

It is widely acknowledged that ambulance ramping is not solely an emergency department capacity issue, rather it is reflective of whole-of-hospital pressures that contribute to emergency department overcrowding and delays in offloading patients.

As demands on Queensland's hospitals continue to grow, so do the number of presentations to our Emergency Departments.

The Putting Patients First plan delivers \$764 million of investment to specifically address ambulance access at hospitals and relieve the health system pressures that contribute to emergency department wait times.

The Putting Patient's First plan is focused on:

- Keeping Queenslanders out of hospital and providing alternatives to emergency departments
- Supercharging virtual care
- Strengthening our Queensland Ambulance Service
- Investing in more frontline health workers
- More beds for our growing population.

I am advised that the percentage of Patient Off Stretcher Times achieved within 30 minutes reported separately by calendar month from January 2012 to June 2021 for the Toowoomba Hospital is provided in the following tables.

2012

	Toowoomba Hospital
Jan	97.2%
Feb	95.2%
Mar	95.7%
Apr	95.2%
May	95.5%
Jun	92.4%
Jul	93.3%
Aug	93.1%
Sep	93.5%
Oct	94.0%
Nov	97.3%
Dec	97.1%

2013

	Toowoomba Hospital
Jan	96.3%
Feb	95.6%
Mar	94.6%
Apr	96.1%
May	95.2%
Jun	96.2%
Jul	95.6%
Aug	93.2%
Sep	94.4%
Oct	97.1%
Nov	97.2%
Dec	95.6%

2014

	Toowoomba Hospital
Jan	95.0%
Feb	95.6%
Mar	95.3%
Apr	94.0%
May	95.4%
Jun	94.8%
Jul	95.4%
Aug	92.9%
Sep	96.4%
Oct	97.0%
Nov	95.9%
Dec	96.8%

2015

	Toowoomba Hospital
Jan	96.8%
Feb	95.6%
Mar	94.7%
Apr	95.4%
May	94.7%
Jun	94.7%
Jul	91.4%
Aug	91.9%
Sep	92.5%
Oct	94.3%
Nov	92.2%
Dec	93.9%

2016

	Toowoomba Hospital
Jan	93.1%
Feb	91.9%
Mar	91.8%
Apr	89.6%
May	93.6%
Jun	92.3%
Jul	90.7%
Aug	88.8%
Sep	87.0%
Oct	87.0%
Nov	89.7%
Dec	90.8%

2017

	Toowoomba Hospital
Jan	94.0%
Feb	88.0%
Mar	90.3%
Apr	89.3%
May	87.5%
Jun	87.4%
Jul	93.0%
Aug	88.6%
Sep	86.6%
Oct	94.5%
Nov	93.0%
Dec	92.2%

2018

	Toowoomba Hospital
Jan	90.9%
Feb	90.3%
Mar	89.7%
Apr	91.8%
May	90.1%
Jun	93.0%
Jul	85.1%
Aug	87.6%
Sep	87.6%
Oct	86.9%
Nov	85.8%
Dec	87.9%

2019

	Toowoomba Hospital
Jan	88.1%
Feb	87.3%
Mar	90.2%
Apr	89.3%
May	87.6%
Jun	86.0%
Jul	84.4%
Aug	85.0%
Sep	83.9%
Oct	87.0%
Nov	86.6%
Dec	86.9%

2020

	Toowoomba Hospital
Jan	85.8%
Feb	91.9%
Mar	89.0%
Apr	92.7%
May	90.5%
Jun	86.9%
Jul	88.8%
Aug	82.8%
Sep	84.3%
Oct	81.8%
Nov	80.3%
Dec	79.5%

2021

	Toowoomba Hospital
Jan	77.9%
Feb	73.5%
Mar	72.7%
Apr	67.3%
May	67.6%
Jun	67.4%
Jul	n.r.
Aug	n.r.
Sep	n.r.
Oct	n.r.
Nov	n.r.
Dec	n.r.

Source: Queensland Ambulance Service, 16/05/2023.
n.r = data not requested.