

Question on Notice

No. 727

Asked on 13 June 2023

MS R BATES 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. 449 of 2023 and the Protocol for managing capacity of Queensland public hospitals (Protocol number: QH-HSDPTL-0253:2021)—

Will the Minister provide reported separately by calendar month (a) the number of 'Tier 2' declarations since 1 June 2021 (reported separately by facility), (b) the number of 'Tier 3' declarations since 1 June 2021 (reported separately by Hospital and Health Service (HHS)), (c) the duration of each 'Tier 2' declaration (reported separately by facility for each HHS) and (d) the duration of each 'Tier 3' declaration (reported separately by HHS)?

ANSWER

I refer the Member to my response to Question on Notice No. 449 of 2023.

Hospital and Health Services routinely report Tier 3 capacity escalations to the Queensland Patient Access Coordination Hub (QPACH), in order to support Hospital and Health Service wide responses and interactions with other Hospital and Health Services.

As the Member has been advised previously, Tier 0 – 2 capacity escalations are managed within the facility or Hospital and Health Service in alignment with the definitions in the Health Service Directive. They are not routinely recorded locally or reported to QPACH as they are local mechanisms to manage demand.

In addition, Tier 3 data is not reported on a calendar monthly basis and to extract, collate and fact-check would require an unreasonable diversion of the Department's resources.

I have directed the Department to assess how this data can be best managed into the future, to ensure we are providing Queenslanders with transparent and efficient insight into the demands our health system is experiencing. That work is underway and I hope to have an update for Members in the near future.