

## Question on Notice

No. 771

Asked on 14 June 2023

**MR M HART** ASKED MINISTER FOR HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR WOMEN (HON S FENTIMAN)—

### QUESTION

With reference to Queensland Ambulance Service internal staff investigations—  
Will the Minister advise (a) the total number of Queensland Ambulance Staff stood down due to being the subject of an internal investigation (with, or without pay), (b) the number of Queensland Ambulance Service Paramedics stood down due to being the subject of an internal investigation (with, or without pay) and (c) the average time taken (in days) for the Queensland Ambulance Service to complete an internal investigation where a staff member is stood down (with, or without pay)?

### ANSWER

Section 333 of the *Industrial Relations Act 2016* provides for the circumstances where it is permissible for an employer to stand-down an employee with or without pay. These provisions can only be utilised in circumstances for which an employer is not responsible, or in circumstances over which the employer has no control.

The Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) currently has no employees who have been stood down pursuant to this section of the *Industrial Relations Act 2016*.

Section 101 of the *Public Sector Act 2022* provides for the employer to suspend an employee if the chief executive reasonably believes:

- (a) the employee is liable to discipline under a disciplinary law; or
- (b) the proper and efficient management of the entity might be prejudiced if the employee is not suspended.

It is not appropriate to provide the specific information sought by the Member as a QAS staff member or paramedic may be able to be identified within their community if it is known they have been stood down.