

Question on Notice

No. 90

Asked on 23 February 2023

MRS L GERBER ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON Y D'ATH)—

QUESTION

With reference to Clinical Reviews outlined under Part 6 of the Hospital and Health Boards Act 2011 (the Act)—

Will the Minister provide (reported separately by calendar year from 2015 to 2022 (a) the number of occasions a Clinical Reviewer has been appointed by the Director-General under Section 125 of the Act, (b) the public sector health service subject to the clinical review as outlined in part (a), (c) the number of occasions the Director-General has requested a copy of a Clinical Review report from a Health Service Chief Executive under Section 137 of the Act and (d) the public sector health service subject to the clinical review as outlined in part (c)?

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.

I am advised that a list of the number of occasions a clinical reviewer has been appointed by the Director General under Section 125 of the *Hospital and Health Boards Act 2011* (HHB Act) since 2015 is not a readily available report.

As previously stated in response to QoN No 1495, 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. I am additionally advised that a list of the number of occasions the Director General has requested a copy of a clinical review report from a Health Service Chief Executive under Section 137 of the HHB Act since 2015 is not a readily available report.

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