

Question on Notice

No. 927

Asked on 23 August 2023

MR A POWELL ASKED MINISTER FOR HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR WOMEN (HON S FENTIMAN)—

QUESTION

With reference to the protocol for managing the capacity of Queensland public hospitals (Protocol number: QH-HSDPTL-025-3:2021)—

Will the Minister provide for each of Queensland's 26 largest reporting hospitals (reported separately by month and reporting hospital) from January 2022 to July 2023, the number of days on (a) Tier 0, (b) Tier 1, (c) Tier 2 and (d) Tier 3?

ANSWER

The Palaszczuk Government is publishing more data about Queensland's hospital system than ever before, on the refreshed Hospital Performance website.

For the first time ever, we are regularly releasing Tier 3 data, monthly POST, specialist outpatient trend lines, long stay patient numbers, and ambulance response times.

I refer the Member to my responses to Question on Notice No. 449 of 2023, and to my response to Question on Notice No. 727 of 2023, and to my response to Estimates Pre-Hearing Question on Notice No. 1 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 Members have 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.

However, I am pleased to advise that Queensland Health now publicly reports on Tier 3 escalations on the Hospital Performance website.