

Question on Notice

No. 968

Asked on 24 August 2023

MS R BATES ASKED MINISTER FOR HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR WOMEN (HON S FENTIMAN)—

QUESTION

With reference to the Queensland Health Hospital Performance Website announced by the Minister on 4 August 2023, and the 'Tier 3 Escalation' information published on the website—

Will the Minister provide the Tier 3 escalations noted for each hospital which reports the figure on the website (reported separately by calendar month and each reportable hospital) for (a) the date on which the 'Tier 3 Escalation' began, (b) the date on which the 'Tier 3 Escalation' ended and (c) the duration of the 'Tier 3 Escalation' (in hours and minutes)?

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.

This is part of our commitment to ensuring Queenslanders have access to transparent, meaningful information about their health system, so they can make informed choices.

The tier escalation system supports hospital operations and communication and assists in the management of local capacity issues. By actively managing hospital capacity and demand, clinicians can ensure that patients have timely access to care.

Tier escalation status changes frequently and may not be a reliable indication for consumers regarding access to healthcare. Alternative measures of service supply and demand such as presentations, occupancy, and Emergency Department performance are reported and should also be considered.

I am advised to provide the data requested would require significant diversion of the Department's resources.