Question on Notice

No. 1219

Asked on 12 December 2024

MS L ENOCH ASKED MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON T NICHOLLS)—

QUESTION

With reference to Page 2 of the Minister's Charter Letter—

Will the Minister advise if the government's policy of publishing of real-time hospital data includes the number of patients waiting at every Queensland Health Emergency Department, including the Minor Injury and Illness Clinics at the seven satellite hospitals?

ANSWER

The Queensland Government is committed to delivering transparent and up-to-date information about what is happening in our hospitals as part of the Government's 100 Day Plan. Real-time reporting will include key metrics across emergency demand, capacity and waiting time for Queensland's 25 largest hospitals.

The Member should also be aware that Satellite Hospitals and Minor Injury and Illness Clinics are not emergency departments and should not be referred to as such. There is confusion in the community about the services available at Satellite Hospitals, particularly as it relates to access to urgent care services.

As part of the Government's 100 Day Plan, we are consulting with clinicians on the most appropriate name for these facilities.

Renaming these facilities will support the community to better understand the services provided and the difference between them and emergency departments.