

Question on Notice

No. 1235

Asked on 12 December 2024

MR S MILES ASKED MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON T NICHOLLS)—

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise as at 28 October 2024, (in a table reported separately by Hospital and Health Service) the average wait time to be (a) admitted, (b) discharged and (c) referred to outpatient services?

ANSWER

Performance data is collected and reported monthly, with final performance released on the Queensland Health 'Our Hospitals' performance website quarterly. This is in line with historical release schedules established by the former government.

To provide retrospective emergency department data at a specific date or point in time would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.

Furthermore, 'average wait time' to be seen is independent of the emergency departure status (i.e. admitted, discharged or other). Measuring waiting times by departure status does not provide any measure of emergency department performance and therefore is not reported.