

## Question on Notice

No. 1247

Asked on 12 December 2024

**MS J PUGH** 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 number of patients attending emergency departments that are (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.

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

(a)The below table displays the number of patients who attended an emergency department and were **admitted** into hospital by Hospital and Health Service for the September 2024 quarter. This data is available publicly on the 'Queensland Health - Our Performance' website, last updated on the 14th of November 2024.

This is not inclusive of patients who are transferred to another hospital or healthcare facility for further care, or admissions that are unrelated to an emergency presentation.

Hospital and Health Service	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Sep 24 Quarter
Cairns and Hinterland	3,576	3,633	3,419	10,628
Central Queensland	2,063	2,170	2,097	6,330
Central West	158	132	124	414
Children's Health Queensland	1,675	1,655	1,587	4,917
Darling Downs	3,260	3,173	3,170	9,603
Gold Coast	4,992	4,813	4,820	14,625
Mackay	1,868	1,961	1,785	5,614
Mater Health Service	1,566	1,416	1,459	4,441
Metro North	10,248	10,475	9,830	30,553
Metro South	10,813	10,833	10,657	32,303
North West	593	633	616	1,842
South West	385	404	355	1,144
Sunshine Coast	5,254	5,121	5,036	15,411
Torres and Cape	324	298	270	892
Townsville	2,957	2,866	2,716	8,539
West Moreton	2,807	2,837	2,749	8,393
Wide Bay	3,210	3,335	3,200	9,745
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>55,749</b>	<b>55,755</b>	<b>53,890</b>	<b>165,394</b>

Source: Queensland Health Emergency Data Collection

(b) The number of patients who are discharged after presenting to an emergency department for treatment is not a reported measure. All patients who are seen at an emergency department and are not admitted or transferred to another facility for ongoing care, are discharged from the emergency department.

(c) The Queensland Health Emergency Data Collection defines patient departure types as 'Admitted' or 'Non-Admitted' or 'Other'. Referrals to outpatient services or attendance at an outpatient clinic can occur during a patient's emergency department visit irrespective of whether a patient is admitted or discharged from the emergency department and is not a departure pathway in and of itself.