

Question on Notice

No. 141

Asked on 5 March 2024

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

QUESTION

With reference to answer to Question on Notice No. 1204 of 2021—

Will the Minister provide, for each of the 106 reporting hospitals listed on the 'Hospital Performance' website, the total number of beds (a) available in December 2023 and (b) unavailable in December 2023?

ANSWER

The Miles Government is committed to delivering the health services and infrastructure that Queenslanders need. We have delivered more than 1,500 beds since 2015 and have a plan to deliver almost 3,500 more beds in Queensland hospitals through the Health Big Build.

Due to the complexity of delivering healthcare, available bed numbers across Queensland public hospitals are a dynamic measure and may fluctuate according to relative demand across the system.

Hospitals manage their daily bed or bed alternative availability according to local service needs. As such, this number is not static and forms part of the complex management of health care service delivery.

Across the 106 reporting hospitals, the total number of available and unavailable beds in December 2023 was 13,443.

Of these, the total number of temporarily unavailable beds across the 106 reporting hospitals was 109 beds, or approximately 0.81% of all beds.

Reasons that beds may be temporarily unavailable include renovations or other capital works. For example, renovations lead to some beds being temporarily unavailable in December 2023 at Cairns, Charleville, Cunnamulla, Mornington Island, and St George.

Furthermore, 17 beds were temporarily unavailable at Thursday Island Hospital while work is completed on the hospital redevelopment, which is due to finish in the coming months.

The number of available and temporarily unavailable beds for December 2023 is as follows:

Facility Name	Available beds	Temporarily unavailable beds
Atherton	74	0
Ayr	31	0
Babinda	11	0
Bamaga	16	0
Barcaldine	12	0
Beaudesert	28	0
Biggenden	7	0
Biloela	19	0
Blackall	11	0
Blackwater	10	0
Boonah	22	0
Bowen	29	0
Bundaberg Base	291	0
Caboolture	390	1
Cairns	723	4
Caloundra	35	0
Capricorn Coast (Yeppoon)	22	0
Charleville	19	2
Charters Towers	26	0
Cherbourg	12	0
Childers	16	0
Chinchilla	10	0
Clermont	10	0
Cloncurry	17	0
Cooktown	27	0
Cunnamulla	6	2
Dalby	32	0
Dirranbandi	7	0
Doomadgee	4	0
Dysart	9	0
Eidsvold	4	0
Emerald	37	0
Esk	15	0
Gatton	29	0
Gayndah	10	0
Gin Gin	6	0
Gladstone	100	0
Gold Coast University	936	12

Facility Name	Available beds	Temporarily unavailable beds
Goondiwindi	24	0
Gympie	91	0
Hervey Bay	210	0
Hughenden	9	0
Ingham	36	0
Innisfail	63	0
Ipswich	462	0
Jandowae	5	0
Joyce Palmer HS	11	0
Julia Creek	2	0
Kilcoy	20	0
Kingaroy	52	0
Laidley	15	0
Logan	522	0
Longreach	22	0
Mackay Base	257	0
Maleny	12	0
Mareeba	49	2
Maryborough	121	0
Mater Hospital Brisbane	340	46
Mater Mothers' Hospital	164	0
Miles	8	0
Millmerran	7	0
Mitchell	12	0
Monto	14	0
Moranbah	12	0
Mornington Island	7	4
Mossman	24	0
Mount Isa	83	5
Mount Morgan	8	0
Moura	3	0
Mundubbera	3	1
Mungindi	3	0
Murgon	10	0
Nambour	224	0
Nanango	10	0
Normanton	14	0
Oakey	8	0
Princess Alexandra	1074	10
Proserpine	33	0
Queen Elizabeth II	273	0
Queensland Children's Hospital	366	0

Facility Name	Available beds	Temporarily unavailable beds
Quilpie	4	0
Redcliffe	479	0
Redland	218	0
Robina	410	0
Rockhampton	331	0
Roma	44	0
Royal Brisbane & Women's	991	0
Sarina	16	0
Springsure	10	0
St George	29	2
Stanthorpe	22	0
Sunshine Coast University	709	0
Surat	4	0
Surgical Treatment and Rehab Service	162	0
Tara	8	0
Taroom	4	0
Texas	6	0
The Prince Charles	695	1
Thursday Island	29	17
Toowoomba	498	0
Townsville University	800	0
Tully	22	0
Warwick	58	0
Weipa	21	0
Winton	8	0
Woorabinda	7	0