

Question on Notice

No. 196

Asked on 7 March 2024

MRS D FRECKLINGTON ASKED MINISTER FOR HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR WOMEN (HON S FENTIMAN)—

QUESTION

With reference to staffing levels at Kingaroy Hospital (FTEs, part-time, casual and contract staff)—

Will the Minister advise (a) staffing levels for each year from 2019 until current and (b) how many shifts were short-staffed in 2023?

ANSWER

I am pleased to advise that in 2023, staffing levels at the Kingaroy Hospital increased by approximately 6.8%, thanks to the hard work of the Darling Downs HHS. The staffing levels at Kingaroy Hospital for each year from 2019 until current are presented below:

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024*
226	226	224	221	237	246

**Calendar Years*

***Standard QH FTE from DSS exported on Friday, 15 March 2024*

****2024 is an average of January 2024 and February 2024 and therefore is not an accurate representation of the full calendar year*

In relation to the query about staffing of shifts, I am advised by the Darling Downs HHS that hospital resources are actively managed according to clinical workload. The Clinical team leaders are required to manage their utilisation with a degree of flexibility to appropriately account for:

- Patient and staff safety;
- Volume and acuity of patients;
- Hospital / ward layout; and
- External environmental factors.