

Question on Notice

No. 241

Asked on 19 March 2024

MR P WEIR ASKED MINISTER FOR HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR WOMEN (HON S FENTIMAN)—

QUESTION

Will the Minister provide for the Clifton, Crows Nest, Drayton, Oakey and Pittsworth Ambulance Stations from January 2019 to February 2024 inclusive by year, (a) the number of call outs for domestic violence related injuries, (b) the response time for each station and (c) the average ramping time for each ambulance vehicle?

ANSWER

The Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) is the busiest ambulance service in the country, responding to 1.2 million incidents a year. It is the only mainland service that is free, which will never change under the Miles Government.

I am advised that the QAS is unable to provide the data requested as call out records do not always capture the cause of injuries or medical condition being treated. Rather, records capture the clinical details related to the injury or medical condition, including what treatment was provided.

In addition, ambulance response times are not measured from the station, but are instead measured from when an ambulance is dispatched, regardless of where they are when that happens. The dynamic nature of ambulance services means that ambulances may not always be based at their station when they are dispatched.

However, I can advise that in the December 2023 Quarter, QAS responded to 50 per cent of the most urgent calls in the Darling Downs and South West Region within 8 minutes.

Between January 2019 and February 2024, the average time that each ambulance presenting to Toowoomba Hospital spent 'ramped' was 7.3 minutes.

I am particularly heartened that a Member of the Opposition is interested in average lost time per ambulance as a measure, which will be reported from next quarter as I announced in the House on 16 April, 2024.