

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 59**

**Asked on 14 February 2024**

**Mr T WATTS** ASKED MINISTER FOR HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR WOMEN (HON S FENTIMAN)—

### **QUESTION**

Will the Minister advise for the Darling Downs District (reportedly separately by station) (a) the number of FTE positions currently filled at each station, (b) the number of vehicles and (c) what is the budgeted FTE number of paramedics for every station?

### **ANSWER**

The Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) is the busiest service in the country, responding to approximately 1.2 million incidents every year. It is also the only mainland service that is completely free – something that will never change under a Labor Government.

Since 2015, we have employed an additional 1,300 frontline ambulance officers across the State, including almost 100 in the Darling Downs.

QAS' Darling Downs District is comprised of 27 dedicated ambulance stations and additional support personnel (casual and relief). Across every station, the district has 300.91 budgeted full-time equivalents (FTEs), and 308.63 actual FTE paramedics (which includes Officers-in-Charge and Operational Supervisors), as at 31 January 2024. This count also includes Critical Care Flight Paramedics, and casual and relief personnel.

The QAS is committed to patient safety and the provision of timely, quality and appropriate patient focused ambulance services. The QAS continuously monitors workload and undertakes regular reviews to ensure the most appropriate level of service is provided for all communities.

Services for the Darling Downs District are maintained through the available network of ambulance stations and the ability of the QAS to dynamically deploy road or aeromedical resources, as required.

The number of positions currently filled at each station in Darling Downs is listed below:

- Chinchilla: 5
- Clifton: 5
- Crows Nest: 5
- Dalby: 14.27
- Drayton: 18.32
- Fairview: 14.61
- Goondiwindi: 12.39
- Highfields: 20.67
- Inglewood: 2

- Jandowae: 2
- Kingaroy: 17.42
- Meandarra: 2
- Miles: 5
- Millmerran: 2.53
- Murgon: 17
- Nanango: 12
- Oakey: 6.53
- Pittsworth: 5
- Preston: 2
- Stanthorpe: 11
- Tara: 5
- Taroom: 2.53
- Texas: 2
- Toowoomba: 81.95
- Wandoan: 2
- Warwick: 18.96
- Yarraman: 5.06

Ambulance services are maintained across all stations through targeted recruitment activities and the effective utilisation of district resources, including that of casual and relief personnel.

The number of vehicles at each station in Darling Downs is listed below:

- Chinchilla – 3 vehicles
- Clifton – 3 vehicles
- Crows Nest – 3 vehicles
- Dalby – 7 vehicles
- Drayton – 4 vehicles
- Fairview – 7 vehicles
- Goondiwindi – 5 vehicles
- Highfields – 4 vehicles
- Inglewood – 2 vehicles
- Jandowae – 2 vehicles
- Kingaroy – 8 vehicles
- Meandarra – 2 vehicles
- Miles – 3 vehicles
- Millmerran – 2 vehicles
- Murgon – 7 vehicles
- Nanango – 4 vehicles
- Oakey – 3 vehicles
- Pittsworth – 3 vehicles
- Preston – 2 vehicles
- Stanthorpe – 5 vehicles
- Tara – 3 vehicles
- Taroom – 2 vehicles
- Texas – 2 vehicles
- Toowoomba – 26 vehicles

- Wandoan – 2 vehicles
- Warwick – 8 vehicles
- Yarraman – 3 vehicles