

Question on Notice

No. 95

Asked on 15 February 2024

MR R MOLHOEK 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. 81 of 2023 and Hospital and Health Service (HHS) Key Performance Indicators as outlined in HHS service agreements— Will the Minister provide the five longest times a patient faced whose 'Emergency Department stay was greater than 24 hours' within clinically recommended times at each of Queensland's 26 reporting hospitals for the 2022-23 financial year (reported separately by Hospital and Health Service)?

ANSWER

Queensland's health system, like systems across the world, is facing a range of increasing pressures, from record demand to a global workforce shortage.

But in spite of those pressures, and thanks to the hard work of our frontline staff, we continue to perform well.

Data recently released by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, and published on our Hospital Performance Reporting website, shows that Queensland continues to outperform other states and territories.

Across 2022-23 Financial Year, Queensland had the second lowest median wait time to treatment at 18 minutes, and the second highest rate of patients seen within clinically recommended timeframes at 67 per cent.

And in very promising news, performance in the December 2023 Quarter is even better, with a median wait time of 15 minutes, and 74 per cent of patients seen within clinically recommended timeframes.

The question refers to "within clinically recommended times" which is terminology used in reference to the wait time from when a patient presents at an emergency department to the time they are first seen by a clinician and the emergency service commences.

The question also refers to patients with a length of stay greater than 24 hours. Length of stay is measured from presentation time to physical departure from the emergency department.

These are conflicting terms, and as such the question cannot be answered in its current form.