

QUESTION ON NOTICE
ASKED
Thursday, 20 November 2025
Answer Due: Monday, 5 January 2026

1469 **MR M BERKMAN** ASKED MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON T NICHOLLS)
With reference to the Opioid Substitution Therapy (OST) program in Queensland prisons—
Will the Minister advise (a) the average wait time from when a prisoner requests access to the program to when medication is first dispensed/ administered for (i) long-acting injectable buprenorphine, (ii) Methadone and (iii) other forms of OST including Suboxone, (b) since July 2024, how many prisoners have (i) had wait times of over six months to access OST, (ii) been released while waiting for assessment for OST and (iii) moved to another corrections facility while waiting for assessment for OST and (c) how many prisoners are currently waiting to be assessed for OST?