

Question on Notice

No. 168

Asked on 13 March 2025

DR B O'SHEA ASKED MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON T NICHOLLS)—

QUESTION

With reference to telehealth services used by Retrieval Services Queensland to support physicians in rural health facilities—

Will the Minister advise as at 1 March 2025, the number of (a) clinical nurses, (b) senior midwives, (c) nurse practitioners and (d) emergency physicians employed by or engaged within this team?

ANSWER

- (a) Clinical nurses at Retrieval Services Queensland work across both retrieval coordination and telehealth to ensure seamless integration for rural clinicians and their patients. Due to the dual responsibility of the clinical nurses delivering both telehealth and retrieval coordination, the number of clinical nurses, with reference to telehealth services, exclusively, are unable to be separated out from the RSQ clinical nurse establishment.
- (b) As at 1 March 2025, there were 6.6 full time equivalent of senior midwives.
- (c) As at 1 March 2025, there were 5.85 full time equivalent of nurse practitioners.
- (d) As at 1 March 2025, there were 4.5 full time equivalent of emergency physicians.