

Question on Notice

No. 661

Asked on 11 June 2025

MR J KELLY ASKED MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON T NICHOLLS)—

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise the number of safety incidents reported by staff following altercations with a patient between 10 March 2025 and 4 May 2025 (reported separately by week and HHS)?

ANSWER

Hospitals are full of complex, vulnerable patients, and our hardworking frontline staff work tirelessly to balance a safe working environment and the delivery of exceptional care to our communities. Unfortunately, violence in the healthcare setting occurs.

The below table provides the total number of incidents reported separately by week across Queensland Health, excluding Queensland Ambulance Service between 10 March – 4 May 2025.

I am advised the number of reported incidents does not necessarily correspond with the number of assaults on healthcare workers, but it does give us an understanding of what is occurring in our hospitals. For example, one Hospital and Health Service (HHS) may appear to have significantly higher numbers than other HHS, but this may be due to entering a backlog of incidents that had occurred from an earlier time.

Table 1: Violence incidents, impacting Workers instigated by Patients, by Hospital and Health Service (incidents by reported week)

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