

Question on Notice

No. 163

Asked on 4 March 2026

HON M FURNER ASKED MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON T NICHOLLS)—

QUESTION

Will the Minister provide between 1 January 2025 (inclusive) to the latest reportable month, the total number of Tier 3 Bed Capacity escalations (in table format, reported separately by calendar month for Mackay Base Hospital, including the escalation period (in hours), where the y-axis is calendar month and the x-axis is Tier 3 Bed Capacity escalation and escalation period, where the numerical values are reported in the table and not a reference number to a value that sits outside the table)?

ANSWER

Tier 3 bed capacity escalation data represents the period of time a hospital reported they did not have the available resources to meet demand.

Mackay Hospital has suffered from a decade of underinvestment in the infrastructure required to meet the health needs of the region. That is why the Crisafulli Government is doubling the size of the Transit Lounge, to help improve patient flow and improve the patient experience as they discharge from hospital.

The Crisafulli Government is also progressing planning for a bigger and better Mackay Hospital, after the former government's plan suffered a more than 100% cost blow out, was delayed by more than a year, and did not include key clinical requirements.

Table 1: The total number of Tier 3 Bed Capacity escalations at Mackay Base Hospital, 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025.

Jan	5 escalations totalling 181 hours and 43 minutes.
Feb	3 escalations totalling 304 hours and 27 minutes.
Mar	2 escalations totalling 93 hours and 15 minutes.
Apr	3 escalations totalling 228 hours and 10 minutes.
May	1 escalation totalling 82 hours and 50 minutes.
Jun	5 escalations totalling 390 hours and 40 minutes.
Jul	4 escalations totalling 358 hours and 42 minutes.
Aug	3 escalations totalling 146 hours and 55 minutes.
Sept	4 escalations totalling 288 hours and 10 minutes.
Oct	2 escalations totalling 61 hours and 30 minutes.
Nov	2 escalations totalling 131 hours and 30 minutes.
Dec	5 escalations totalling 332 hours and 31 minutes.