

Question on Notice

No. 199

Asked on 5 March 2026

MRS M NIGHTINGALE 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 the Hervey Bay 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.

The Crisafulli Government is expanding the Hervey Bay Hospital, getting the expansion back on track after it suffered a \$54 million cost blow out and a two-year delay under the former government.

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

Jan	5 escalations totalling 82 hours and 28 minutes.
Feb	4 escalations totalling 269 hours and 57 minutes.
Mar	3 escalations totalling 132 hours and 50 minutes.
Apr	3 escalations totalling 92 hours and 27 minutes.
May	4 escalations totalling 235 hours and 54 minutes.
Jun	4 escalations totalling 200 hours and 44 minutes.
Jul	7 escalations totalling 325 hours and 57 minutes.
Aug	4 escalations totalling 193 hours and 32 minutes.
Sept	7 escalations totalling 220 hours and 33 minutes.
Oct	6 escalations totalling 296 hours and 4 minutes.
Nov	7 escalations totalling 128 hours and 58 minutes.
Dec	2 escalations totalling 55 hours and 54 minutes.