

Question on Notice

No. 228

Asked on 5 March 2026

MS N BOYD ASKED MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON T NICHOLLS)—

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise for the 2024-25 financial year, the total ambulance lost time in hours at the top 26 reporting hospitals (that is the sum of lost hours, the amount of time greater than the 30 minutes off stretcher time, at the 26 Queensland Health reporting hospitals)?

ANSWER

Total ambulance lost time is not a clinically recognised measure of performance, which is why the Queensland Audit Office have stopped including this metric in analysis of Queensland Health's performance.

The Member would be pleased to hear of the Crisafulli Government's substantial investment in delivering easier access to health services across the state – most notably through our fully-funded \$18.5 billion *Hospital Rescue Plan* which will bring more than 2,600 new beds online across the state.

The Crisafulli Government is investing \$80 million to establish 10 new and expanded transit lounges to improve patient flow through hospitals, freeing critical beds in emergency department. We've investing in nine new CT and six new MRI machines so patients can be appropriately assessed earlier. We've stopped the Patient Tax, preventing rising costs of doctor visits and protecting local GP services.

The Crisafulli Government is also offering doctors in Acute Admission units improved conditions to ensure hospitals are able to discharge seven days a week, so patients aren't kept waiting to leave hospital when they're ready.

I note that in relation to stranded patients, of which Queensland is ground zero, the Crisafulli Government is continuing to advocate to the Federal Labor Government to meet their responsibilities when it comes to aged care and NDIS places.