

Question on Notice

No. 454

Asked on 23 April 2026

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

QUESTION

With reference to significant delays in urology surgery waitlists—

Will the Minister advise as at the most recent pay period ending date (a) the number of urologists employed by Queensland Health, reported separately by Hospital and Health Service and (b) the number of urologists contracted by Queensland Health, reported separately by Hospital and Health Service?

ANSWER

The total urology workforce employed by Queensland Health has grown from 59.78 FTE in 2022-23 to 67.35 FTE in 2025-26 (as at 12 April 2026). Despite this uplift, Queensland continues to experience shortages of urologists across the State. The Crisafulli Government's Queensland Health Workforce Gap Analysis exposes the staggering depths of the Health Crisis left by the former government.

The former government's failure to secure a pipeline of health workers has had major impacts on health service delivery, particularly in regional, rural and remote Queensland.

Hospital and Health Service	2022-23 FTE	2025-26 YTD FTE
Cairns and Hinterland HHS	5.13	5.37
Central Queensland HHS	0.20	0.00
Central West HHS	0.00	0.00
Children's Health Queensland	0.00	0.00
Darling Downs HHS	2.42	1.59
Gold Coast HHS	3.56	3.16
Mackay HHS*	1.00	0.00
Metro North HHS	18.89	22.06
Metro South HHS	16.13	18.78
North West HHS	0.00	0.00
South West HHS	0.00	0.00
Sunshine Coast HHS	3.83	3.51
Torres and Cape HHS	0.00	0.00
Townsville HHS	3.97	7.44
West Moreton HHS	4.65	5.44
Wide Bay HHS	0.00	0.00
Department of Health	0.00	0.00
Grand Total	59.78	67.35

*Note, Mackay HHS has employed 0.00 FTE urologists since 2023-24.

Hospital and Health Service	2023-24 Contracted Urologists	2025-26 YTD Contracted Urologists
Cairns and Hinterland HHS	0	1
Darling Downs HHS	0	2
Sunshine Coast HHS	1	3
Townsville HHS	1	1
West Moreton HHS	0	1
Grand Total	2	8

**Note, point in time snapshot.*