

Question on Notice

No. 98

Asked on 12 February 2026

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

QUESTION

With reference to Clinical Services Capability Framework (CSCF) changes impacting maternity services in Queensland Health facilities—

Will the Minister advise the number of temporary reduced CSCF level changes to maternity services, including how long the temporary reduced CSCF level change to maternity services lasted in hours, between November 2024 (inclusive) to the latest reportable calendar month for (a) Caboolture Hospital, (b) Redland Hospital, (c) Mareeba Hospital, (d) Gold Coast University Hospital, (e) Mackay Base Hospital, (f) Ingham Health Service, (g) Logan Hospital, (h) Ayr Health Service, (i) Bundaberg Hospital, (j) Toowoomba Hospital, (k) Hervey Bay Hospital and (l) Redcliffe Hospital?

ANSWER

The Crisafulli Government's recently released Workforce Gap Analysis Report shows a significant failure by the former government to secure a pipeline of health workers, especially those staff that deliver maternity services. The Report highlights the major impacts this has had, particularly on rural and remote Queensland, with persistent workforce gaps forcing critical community services to close.

The Report follows the assessment of regional maternity workforce gaps completed within our first 100 days in office. This assessment showed that critical workforce shortages lingered under the former government. These shortages impact service delivery and continuity, with vacancy rates under the former government of 14.2% in obstetrics, 17.9% in anaesthetics, and 11.5% in midwifery.

That is why the Crisafulli Government is boosting the frontline health workforce with an additional 4,500 health workers including doctors, paramedics and nurses in 2025-26, as part of the record \$33.1 billion Health Budget.

I am advised that, between 1 November 2024 and 15 February 2026, the following facilities had nil maternity temporary CSCF level changes: Caboolture Hospital, Redland Hospital, Gold Coast University Hospital, Logan Hospital, Mackay Base Hospital, Bundaberg Hospital, Toowoomba Hospital, Redcliffe Hospital.

I am advised that Ingham Hospital, between 1 November 2024 and 15 February 2026, had 18 maternity temporary CSCF level changes for a total of 1158 hours. I note that this is a reduction of 455 hours in comparison to the period between 1 July 2023 to 1 October 2024.

I am advised that Mareeba Hospital, between 1 November 2024 and 15 February 2026, had 3 maternity temporary CSCF level changes for a total of 95.75 hours. I note that this is similar to the 91.5 hours during the period between 1 July 2023 to 1 October 2024.

I am advised that Ayr Health Service, between 1 November 2024 and 15 February 2026, had 21 maternity temporary CSCF level changes for a total of 1306 hours. I note that this is similar to the 1139 hours during the period between 1 July 2023 to 1 October 2024.