

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Select Committee of Transfer of Care Delays (Ambulance Ramping)

ASKED BY: Rosalie Woodruff, Committee Chair

ANSWERED BY:

QUESTION:

- (1) What reviews are currently underway in the health department and what are the timeframes for these reviews?
- (2) How many full-time equivalent paramedics total FTE, including both permanent employees and those on fixed term contracts, are employed as of 7 February 2024, and 14 February 2024; and what are the projected number of paramedics planned to be employed by end July of this year?
- (3) How many physical beds are there in regional health facilities that are not open and not staffed at the moment? (including the 30 at Scottsdale)

ANSWER:

- I. Currently there are two reviews underway within the Department of Health:
 - a. Lived Experience Representative Organisation Review with recommendations due in December 2024.
This is a review of lived experience representative organisations within and beyond Tasmania to develop recommendations for the Government for what a lived experience representative organisation should look like in Tasmania (encompassing mental health, alcohol and other drugs and suicide prevention), including organisational and governance structure and sustainability.
 - b. Alcohol and other drugs treatment services review: residential and withdrawal services. This aligns with work under the Tasmanian Drug Strategy, the Reform Agenda for the Alcohol and other Drugs Sector in Tasmania (and work commissioned to develop the Drug and Alcohol Service Planning Model (DASPM) for Tasmania with the University of New South Wales.

2. Please see the table below indicating the full-time, part-time and casual paramedic FTE. The data is gathered from payroll and is aligned closely with the requested dates.

The paramedic FTE at 9 June 2024, is reflective of the projected FTE at the end of July 2024, with no further on-boarding of paramedics planned up until that time.

	04/02/2024	18/02/2024	09/06/2024
Permanent	465.95	476.47	475.49
Fixed Term	61.10	57.35	67.27
Casual	16.10	13.85	10.98
Grand Total	543.15	547.68	553.74

3. There are currently 19 beds closed across Tasmania due to lack of medical cover (12), renovations and maintenance (4) and redevelopment (3).

James Scott Wing at Scottsdale had 28 beds that were residential aged care beds, these were transferred to the new build at May Shaw. However, these are not hospital beds.

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Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing

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