



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–2024

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Mr Andrew Braddock MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services

Reference: Police, Fire and Emergency Services

Hearing: 18/02/2025

In relation to: Patient Transport Capacity

Question received: 20/02/2025

Answer Due: 27/02/2025

1. Can you confirm if the number of ambulances or similar vehicles equipped to transport patients (not including command, support and other vehicles) that need to be on the road and crewed at any given time in order to satisfy the minimum capacity requirements of the ACTAS response system is 8 such vehicles?
2. If this is not correct, can you advise on the correct number?
3. On how many days have these minimum capacity requirements not been met in the 2024 calendar year?
4. On how many days have these minimum capacity requirements only been met only due to substitution and assistance from other types of vehicles, including emergency services vehicles designed for a different purpose?

DR MARISA PATERSON MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. This is not correct.
2. Between 0900 – 2100, ACTAS aims to maintain a minimum of 16 ambulance resources. The preferred combination of resources is no less than 14 stretcher resources and no less than two Intensive Care Paramedic (ICP) Single Response Units (SRU).

Between 2100 – 0900, ACTAS aims to maintain a minimum of 12 ambulance resources. The preferred combination of resources is no less than 10 stretcher resources and no less than two ICP SRUs.

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To achieve this under the new roster, ACTAS aims to maintain the following minimum resourcing levels across each shift, noting that shifts overlap:

Shift Time	Ambulance Resources
0630 - 1630	12
0900 - 2100	6
1100 - 2300	10
2100 - 0700	12

3. On 296 days in the 2024 calendar year, at least one shift during the day fell below minimum resourcing levels. However, as advised in question 2, shifts in the new roster overlap. Therefore, it is possible for a shift to fall below minimum resourcing levels, but it does not result in resources falling below minimum levels during the periods 0900 to 2100, and 2100 to 0900.

It is approaching 12 months since the implementation of the new roster. Once 12 months of data is collected, ACTAS intends to conduct a review of the new roster to examine its benefits and areas for improvement.

4. Consistent with all Australian ambulance services, ACTAS utilises SRUs (non-stretcher vehicles) as part of response resources. See response to question 2 regarding the use of SRUs in ACTAS.

ACTAS does not utilise or rely on emergency service vehicles from other emergency services to transport patients.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs

Signature: *M. Paterson*

By the Minister for Corrections, Dr Marisa Paterson MLA

Date: *27/02/25*