



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mr Andrew Braddock MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services

In relation to: Police, Fire and Emergency Services and Crewing of ambulance stations

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MR BRADDOCK: Mr Dutton, you mentioned the station closures. I am interested in the stations which remain open but only have a single response unit that do not have a fully crewed stretcher vehicle. Do you have those stats?

Mr Dutton: I do not have a detailed breakdown of those stats with me, Mr Braddock, but it might be useful just for other members of the committee to explain that a single officer response unit is normally an SUV or small sedan type vehicle with a single clinician on board. We use them for a range of circumstances, response, and also backing up other ambulance resources. They are part of our normal response grid when stations are open and at times when we close stations.

MR BRADDOCK: Can you, please, just take that in a notice though, in terms of maybe for the month of October where you provided the stats on closure, you could also provide where there is only staffing of a single response unit?

Mr Dutton: Yes, I will take that on notice.

Dr Marisa PATERSON MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

ACTAS aims to staff all nine (9) stations, and rosters resources to meet projected demand with a combination of stretched ambulances and Single Response Units (SRUs). ACTAS' minimum overnight crewing includes two SRUs, one at Belconnen and one at Greenway. The role of SRUs was explained at the Hearings where the Committee was advised that SRUs are just as vital as stretched ambulances in maintaining the required capability and keeping the community safe.

For the month of October 2025 there were:

- Nine occasions where one station remained open with an SRU only, for the entire or part of the night shift

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- 17 occasions where two stations remained open with an SRU only, for the entire or part of the night shift
- One occasion where three stations remained open with an SRU only, for the entire or part of the night shift.

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By the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services, Dr Marisa Paterson MLA