



Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mr Thomas Emerson, MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services

In relation to: ACT Ambulance Service and Paramedics fit to work not currently rostered on

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Mr David Dutton and Mr Wayne Phillips took on notice the following question(s):

MR EMERSON: Thank you, chair. Regarding current paramedics at ACTAS, how many clinically qualified paramedics are currently not rostered or are restricted from duties despite being medically fit to work in a part-time or modified capacity?

Mr Dutton: Mr Emerson, I will take your question on notice as to the specifics. Could I just ask, was there any particular area that you are interested in so we can provide you an accurate answer?

MR EMERSON: No, that is fine; across the service would be fine.

Mr Dutton: Yes. Just as a broad statement, and we will check the number for you and come back to you, at any time there would be paramedics who, for example, may be injured or are returning to work that may be on modified or reduced hours. And then there is always the potential for some HR matters to be active as well.

Mr Phillips: And also, you know, from the Chief Officer through the general managers and the people who run ACTAS, the business part of it, they are all qualified paramedics who have roles that are senior now to being on the road. So they would be qualified but would not specifically be on the road, generally speaking.

MR EMERSON: Sure. No, I am asking about those who are medically fit to work, perhaps in a part-time or modified capacity, but are not currently rostered on.

Mr Phillips: Okay. Well, I will have to take that on notice. Thanks.

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

There is one current ACTAS paramedic who is clinically qualified and currently not being rostered, pending clarification of supporting documentation.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2026-2027

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Paterson', written in a cursive style.

Date:07/08/26

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