

HEALTH — CODE YELLOW

643. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Health:

(1) How many Code Yellows were called in total by health service providers (in both the metropolitan and regional areas) for each month in the following years:

(a) 2021–2022; and

(b) 2022–date?

(2) For each of those months listed in (1) (a) and (b), what is the breakdown of Code Yellows by hospital?

**Ms A. Sanderson replied:**

The term “code yellow” refers to an internal emergency in a hospital and is a trigger to activate a response. A Code Yellow emergency can be called for a range of issues including infrastructure issues (including ICT issues related to patient care), chemical spills, environmental factors (i.e. severe weather, earthquake), capacity issues or missing patients. WA Country Health Service does not use Code Yellow to denote bed or staff shortages.

A Code Yellow notification does not mean Emergency Departments are not able to accept additional patients.

(1) (a)–(b) The table below shows the total number of Code Yellows in hospitals by Health Service Provider for the corresponding time period.

Month-Year	CAHS	EMHS	NMHS	SMHS
Jul-21	6	8	18	5
Aug-21	6	13	22	6
Sep-21	4	5	12	8
Oct-21	5	3	20	15
Nov-21	3	10	7	4
Dec-21	1	10	7	5
Jan-22	2	9	7	2
Feb-22	5	6	6	9
Mar-22	2	3	13	6
Apr-22	8	5	15	3
May-22	9	15	12	17
Jun-22	8	14	11	15
Jul-22	4	16	12	7
Aug-22	7	10	9	4
Sep-22	8	23	4	5
Oct-22	1	13	7	5
Nov-22	6	12	6	8

(2) Please refer to Attachment 1.

Attachment 1.

Number of Code Yellows per hospital for the corresponding time period.

Hospital	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22
Armadale Health Service	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0
Bentley Health Service	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	1	3	6	1	2	1	1
Fiona Stanley Hospital	4	5	8	11	3	4	1	6	4	3	14	11	2	2	3	4	5
Fremantle Hospital	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	1	1	2

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Graylands Hospital	0	2	1	3	2	0	2	1	1	2	0	3	0	0	0	2	0
Joondalup Health Campus	1	3	1	1	1	1	3	3	4	3	4	2	3	0	1	0	0
Kalamunda Hospital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
King Edward Memorial Hospital	10	8	4	3	1	2	0	1	1	3	1	1	5	2	0	2	4
Osborne Park Hospital	1	0	0	3	0	2	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0
Peel Health Campus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Perth Children's Hospital	6	6	4	5	3	1	2	5	2	8	9	8	4	7	8	1	6
Rockingham General Hospital	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	3	1	0	1	3	4	0	1	0	1
Royal Perth Hospital	5	11	3	2	6	7	6	4	2	4	11	7	6	4	11	5	4
Selby Lodge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital	6	9	6	10	3	2	1	1	5	7	6	5	3	6	2	2	1
St John of God Midland Public Hospital	1	2	2	0	3	2	1	1	0	1	3	4	4	4	9	4	7