

HEALTH — CODE YELLOW

909. 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) from December 2022 to date?
- (2) For each month from December 2022 to date, 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)

| HSP | Number of Code Yellows |
|------|------------------------|
| NMHS | 97 |
| EMHS | 153 |
| SMHS | 39 |
| CAHS | 63 |

(2)

| Hospital | Dec-22 | Jan-23 | Feb-23 | Mar-23 | Apr-23 | May-23 | Jun-23 | Jul-23 | Aug-23 | Sep-23 |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Graylands Hospital | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Joondalup Health Campus | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| King Edward Memorial Hospital | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 2 |
| Osborne Park Hospital | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Selby Lodge | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital | 4 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 11 | 12 | 5 | 7 | 3 |
| Royal Perth Hospital | 4 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 12 | 15 | 17 | 9 | 9 | 3 |
| Bentley Health Service | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 1 |
| Armadale Health Service | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Kalamunda Hospital | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| St John of God Midland Public Hospital | 4 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 2 |
| Perth Children’s Hospital | 6 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| Fiona Stanley Fremantle Hospitals Group | 0 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| Peel Health Campus | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Rockingham Hospital | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |