

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**WRITTEN QUESTION**

Mr Yan to the Minister for Health:

**Ambulance Ramping**

- 1. What is the average time a patient waits in an ambulance upon arrival at Royal Darwin Hospital before being able to enter the hospital?**

Patients only wait in an ambulance at RDH when the patient requires police or additional security prior to entering the emergency department (ED).

Occasionally, ambulance staff are required to temporarily maintain clinical oversight for their patients within the Emergency Departments when there is no bed capacity. When this occurs, there is an unplanned extension to Ambulance 'turn around time'.

In October 2021, the average turnaround time for a St John NT ambulance crew at Royal Darwin Hospital was 43 minutes.

- 2. What is the longest time a patient has waited?**

As above.