

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Yan to the Minister for Health:

Ambulances at Royal Darwin Hospital

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

From the time St John NT ambulance crew arrive at the hospital until the patient care is taken over by the hospital staff is on average, 36 minutes.

- 2. In the 2021/22 financial year, how many patients who arrived at Royal Darwin Hospital in an ambulance were brought directly to an Emergency Department bed?**

In 2021-22 financial year 26,244 patients were transported to RDH Emergency department.

- 3. In the 2021/22 financial year, how many patients who arrived at Royal Darwin Hospital in an ambulance were admitted immediately?**

Patients arriving by ambulance need emergency care and are admitted via the Emergency Department.

- 4. In the 2021/22 financial year, how many patients who arrived at Royal Darwin Hospital in an ambulance were brought to the Emergency Department waiting room to wait there?**

All patients who arrive by ambulance are assessed by a triage nurse and if it is clinically appropriate they will be placed in the waiting room. Data is not collected on this scenario.