

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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### QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE (Of which some notice has been given)

Tuesday, 17 February 2015

Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health

I refer to the Australasian Triage Scale (ATS) Category 1 to Category 5 and the web page for the Hedland Health Campus emergency statistics, <http://www.myhospitals.gov.au/hospital/510500240/hedland-health-campus/emergency-department> and the attendance of Ms Dhu at the South Hedland Health Campus, and I ask:

1. On each of the occasions that Ms Dhu was presented to the South Hedland Health Campus was she seen by the triage unit?
2. If no to (1), why not?
3. On each occasion were clinical notes taken and passed on to the emergency department?
4. If no to (3), why not?
5. If yes to (1), which of the five categories of the ATS were attributed to Ms Dhu on each presentation?
6. If yes to (1), what was the average triage wait time for the relevant category at each time of Ms Dhu's presentations before she was called into the emergency department for evaluation?

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I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. The following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Health.

- (1) No. Ms Dhu was appropriately seen by the triage unit at the Hedland Health Campus Emergency Department on 2 and 3 August 2014. On 4 August 2014, Ms Dhu was appropriately taken immediately to the resuscitation area, bypassing triage.
  - (2) On 4 August 2014 Ms Dhu required immediate attention in the resuscitation area.
  - (3) Yes.
  - (4) Not applicable.
  - (5) Presentation to emergency department on 2 August 2014 – ATS 4.  
Presentation to emergency department on 3 August 2014 – ATS 4.  
Presentation to emergency department on 4 August 2014 – Ms Dhu received treatment appropriate with ATS 1.
  - (6) Data analysis is required to determine average wait times on these dates and is not available within the timeframe of this Question without Notice.
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