

## Response to question on notice

### Questions on Notice Paper No 9 5 September 2025 Question No. 600

**Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA:** To ask the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services —

1. How many out-of-hospital cardiac arrests have occurred in the ACT each year over the last five years, including this calendar year up to 31 August 2025.
2. What is the out-of-hospital cardiac arrest survival rate in the ACT over the last five years.
3. What is the breakdown of out-of-hospital cardiac arrests in the ACT by location, including (a) home, (b) public space and (c) workplace.
4. What is the average annual cost of attending and treating out-of-hospital cardiac arrests in the ACT.

**DR MARISA PATERSON MLA** - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. & 2. Information on cardiac arrest survival event rates are publicly available in the annual Productivity Commission Report on Government Services (ROGS). The information is provided by financial years. A copy of the most recent table is provided at [Attachment A](#).

The figures for the 2024-25 financial year will appear in the next edition of ROGS, which is scheduled to be published in January 2026.

It is important to note that the percentage for adult cardiac arrest survival rates fluctuate considerably due to the small number of these incidents in the ACT each year.

3. This information is not routinely recorded by the ACT Ambulance Service. However, studies indicate that, in Australia, approximately 80% of out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occur at home, and approximately 20% occur in public and other spaces.

4. The ACT Ambulance Service is not able to report on the annual average cost of specific incident types. The cost of providing ambulance services (expenditure per person) is reported in ROGS: <https://www.pc.gov.au/ongoing/report-on-government-services/2025/health/ambulance-services>.

**Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.**



**Dr Marisa Paterson MLA**  
**Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services**

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