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## **CASEY HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT MISSING TARGETS**

Data released today has revealed that Casey Hospital's emergency department is failing to meet performance targets under Labor.

The emergency department has failed to treat nearly one third of patients within a desirable time for the second consecutive quarter. A total of 674 fewer emergency patients attending Casey Hospital were 'treated with the desirable time' when compared to the April – June period last year.

Waiting times in the emergency department increased for all patient categories, with the median time to treatment for the more serious Category 1, 2 and 3 patients increasing by 50 per cent when compared to the same period last year.

The percentage of Category 3 patients not treated within 30 minutes rose to 36 per cent (state target <25%). This was a jump of 10 per cent on the same period last year.

Over 1,400 patients waited at the Casey Hospital's emergency department for more than four hours without being admitted to stay during the first half of 2016.

Ambulances are also being forced to wait longer on ramps at Casey Hospital with the proportion of ambulance patient transfers of over 40 minutes jumping to 13.6 per cent between April and June 2016 (state target <10%).

This comes at on the same day as [new ambulance response time data](#) showing that ambulance performance is deteriorating across Victoria under Daniel Andrews.

### **Comments from the Gordon Rich-Phillips, Member for South Eastern Metropolitan Region**

It is unacceptable that Casey Hospital's emergency department is missing targets on basic performance measures including treatment times and ambulance transfer times.

Daniel Andrews needs to provide urgent support to hard working doctors and nurses at Casey Hospital to stop this getting even worse.

Labor is failing to provide Casey residents the emergency health and ambulance service improvements that it promised.

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<b>EMERGENCY CARE DATA FOR CASEY HOSPITAL (August 2016)</b>			
	<b>April – June 2015</b>	<b>January – March 2016</b>	<b>April – June 2016</b>
<b>Percentage of emergency department patients not ‘treated within time’</b>	19%	29%	29%
<b>Number of emergency department patients ‘treated within time’</b>	11,619	10,767	10,945
<b>Median time to treatment (Category 1,2 &amp; 3 emergency patients)</b>	10 minutes	15 minutes	15 minutes
<b>Median time to treatment (Category 4 &amp; 5 emergency patients)</b>	21 minutes	33 minutes	32 minutes
<b>Time in which 90% of patients presenting to emergency were seen by a nurse or doctor</b>	71 minutes	93 minutes	91 minutes
<b>Number of patients staying more than four hours and not admitted to stay</b>	446	703	717
<b>Proportion of ambulance patient transfers over 40 minutes (state target &lt;10%)</b>	7.7%	9.3%	13.6%

Source: Victorian Health Services Performance – link [here](#)