

## Question on Notice

No. 685

Asked on 14 July 2020

**DR M ROBINSON** asked the Deputy Premier and Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services (HON DR S MILES) –

### QUESTION

With reference to the state's abortion data for the period 2018-19 and the Minister's answer to Question on Notice No. 13 of 2020 confirming that the work to 'validate data from the period December 2018 until June 2019 was completed in February 2020'—

Will the Deputy Premier provide all validated data for 2018 and 2019 as outlined in Question on Notice No. 1904 of 2019 particularly but not limited to (a) how many terminations have been conducted (i) within 0-22 weeks gestation, (ii) past 22 weeks' gestation and (iii) in 'Live-birth events/outcomes' and (b) the reason for termination (by category or equivalent - eg. congenital abnormality, maternal psycho-social factors etc), reported separately per reporting period (monthly, quarterly) and site category (public hospitals, private hospitals and Marie Stopes Clinics)?

### ANSWER

(a)  
(i) and (ii)

Termination of Pregnancy<sup>(a)</sup> by gestation weeks for admitted patients by sector in public and private facilities<sup>(b)</sup>, Queensland for the period **3 December 2018 to 30 June 2019**<sup>(c) (d)</sup>

Sector	Gestation (weeks)		Total
	0-22 weeks	23+ weeks	
Public	415	30	445
Private	4,888	5	4,893

(iii)

Termination of Pregnancy<sup>(a)</sup> resulting in livebirths by outcome and gestation weeks for admitted patients by sector in public and private facilities<sup>(b)</sup>, Queensland for the period **3 December 2018 to 30 June 2019**<sup>(c) (d)</sup>

Sector	Status	Gestation (weeks)		Total
		0-22 weeks	23+ weeks	
Public	Liveborn	17	2	19
Private	Liveborn	0	0	0

(b)

Under the *Termination of Pregnancy Act 2018* there is no requirement for mandatory collection nor publication of data and women who are up to 22 weeks pregnant may request a termination, for any reason, without disclosing a reason.

A termination after 22 weeks may only be performed if two medical practitioners agree that the termination should be performed. Reasons for termination are not routinely gathered or published, and release of this information may disclose confidential patient information.

Termination of Pregnancy<sup>(a)</sup> by month for admitted patients by sector in public and private facilities<sup>(b)</sup>, Queensland 2018 to 2019 (Jan-Jun) YTD calendar years<sup>(c) (d)</sup>

Hospital sector						
Month	2018			2019		
	Public	Private	Total	Public	Private	Total
Jan	44	863	907	66	769	835
Feb	36	703	739	68	721	789
Mar	55	710	765	60	744	804
Apr	40	650	690	60	651	711
May	38	689	727	70	757	827
Jun	51	723	774	66	627	693
Jul	28	721	749	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Aug	51	801	852	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Sep	50	752	802	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Oct	50	748	798	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Nov	56	754	810	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Dec	56	628	684	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
<b>Total</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>8,742</b>	<b>9,297</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>4,269</b>	<b>4,659</b>

**Notes:**

1. Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018 commenced 3 December 2018.
  2. Data for 2018 and 2019 period are preliminary and subject to change.
  3. Includes public and private sector facilities.
  4. Mater South Brisbane hospitals are included with the private sector.
- (a) Termination of Pregnancy are medical abortions which are legally induced terminations performed for medical reasons.
- i. Data for the period are based on admitted patient data with ICD-10-AM principal or additional diagnosis code of O04 Medical Abortion and selected ACHI procedure codes and linked/reconciled with Perinatal Data Collection records.
- (b) Based on hospital of termination.
- (c) Excludes events (primarily early gestation terminations) where termination is managed in primary care, and the mother is not admitted to a hospital.

(d) Period/month based on discharge date.

n.a. not available.

Source: Queensland Hospital Admitted Patient Data Collection (QHAPDC), and linked with Perinatal Data Collection (PDC), Statistical Services Branch, Department of Health, Queensland.