

**Question on Notice  
No. 1062  
Asked on 28 September 2004**

MRS STUCKEY asked the Minister for Health (MR NUTTALL)-

QUESTION:

For each of 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 (reported separately) how many (a) cardiac valve procedures, (b) chemotherapy treatments, (c) cataract procedures, (d) knee replacements and (e) hip replacements were provided in Queensland public hospitals?

ANSWER:

<b>Number of specific procedures performed on admitted patients in Queensland acute public hospitals</b>			
<i>Source: Queensland Hospital Admitted Patient Data Collection (QHAPDC), Queensland Health (extracted 30/9/04)</i>			
<b>Procedures</b>	<b>2001/2002</b>	<b>2002/2003</b>	<b>2003/2004p.</b>
Cardiac valve	989	925	960
Cataract	5,330	5,441	6,013
Chemotherapy	25,480	27,208	23,339
Hip Replacements	1,737	1,773	2,046
Knee Replacements	1,458	1,448	1,818
p. preliminary data, subject to change			

In addition to the data above, the following number of public patients were treated by private facilities under contract from the \$20 million 2003/04 waiting list election commitment:

- cardiac valve procedures 5
- cataract surgery procedures 731
- orthopaedic procedures, including hip and knee replacements 12.

The decrease in admitted patient chemotherapy procedures from 2002/03 to 2003/04 reflects changes in admission practices at some facilities where chemotherapy patients are now generally treated on a non-admitted basis. This model of care is consistent with international best practice and has significant benefits for patients.