

Question on Notice
No. 604
Asked on 20 May 2004

MR COPELAND asked the Minister for Health (MR NUTTALL)-

QUESTION:

With reference to patients waitlisted for elective surgery—

- (1) For each year since 2001 and for the year to date, what is the number of patients re-classified into a higher category (reported separately)?
- (2) For each year since 2001 and for the year to date, what is the number of patients re-classified into a lower category (reported separately)?

ANSWER:

The Hospital Based Corporate Information System, Elective Admission Module (HBCIS EAM) is the system used across Queensland Public Hospitals to record and report waiting list information. There are no reports or functions in this system to facilitate an answer to these questions.

Queensland Health collects wait list information in accordance with the Commonwealth National Health Data Dictionary (NHDD) Minimum Data Set requirements. There is no Commonwealth requirement for reporting escalation or decrease in urgency category.

Patients on Queensland Public Hospital waiting lists are allocated an urgency category by their surgeon. Changes in urgency category occur through the monitoring of the patient's clinical condition.