

Question on Notice
No. 936
Asked on 26 May 2006

DR DOUGLAS asked the Minister for Health (MR ROBERTSON)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the cardiac care program conducted in the State's public health system—

What is the (a) number of implantable defibrillators procedures which have been undertaken during the years 2004, 2005 and 2006 (reported separately), (b) waiting list figures for this procedure per relevant public hospital (reported separately), (c) number of cardiac catheter procedures conducted in all relevant public hospitals (reported separately) for 2004, 2005 and 2006 (reported separately) and (d) waiting list figures for this procedure per relevant public hospital (reported separately)?

ANSWER:

- (a) The number of implantable defibrillator procedures which have been undertaken in 2004, 2005 and 2006 in the Queensland public health system is tabled below:

Hospital	2004	2005	2006(Jan-Apr)
Princess Alexandra Hospital	51	77	37
The Prince Charles Hospital	178	218	91
Total Procedures	229	295	128

- (b) The current waiting list for implantable defibrillator procedures per relevant public hospital as at 1 June 2006 is tabled below:

Hospital	Waiting List
Princess Alexandra Hospital	21 (urgent cases seen immediately, maximum wait eight weeks)
The Prince Charles Hospital	36 (urgent cases seen immediately)
Total Waiting List	57

- (c) The number of cardiac catheter procedures conducted in all relevant public hospitals for 2004, 2005 and 2006 is tabled below:

Hospital	2004	2005	2006 (Jan-Apr)
Townsville	1,479	1,433	525
Cairns Base	345 (contracted to private supplier as no catheter lab)	351 (established catheter lab March 2005 so also includes private contracted)	125
Gold Coast	0 (no catheter lab)	871 (from 16/03/05)	345
Princess Alexandra	3,459	3,813	1,167
The Prince Charles	3,314	3,051	997
Royal Brisbane & Women's	1,392	1,334	451
Total Procedures	9,989	10,853	3,610

Please note: Figures reported only include angiograms, angioplasties and stents.

- (d) The current waiting list figures for cardiac catheter procedures per relevant public hospital as at 1 June 2006 are tabled below:

Hospital	Waiting List
Townsville	0
Cairns Base	80 approx (approx three month wait for elective)
Gold Coast	10 approx
Princess Alexandra	75 approx
The Prince Charles	168 approx
Royal Brisbane & Women's	30 approx (approx seven days wait)
Total Waiting List	363

Please note: Waiting list figures are approximate only as the figures change rapidly day-to-day.

NOTE: All numbers included in this document were sourced directly from the hospitals.