Question on Notice No. 1999 Asked on 4 December 2008

MR SPRINGBORG asked the Minister for Health (MR ROBERTSON)—

QUESTION:

Will he advise the number and elective surgery category (reported separately) of 'long-wait' patients who have waited longer than (a) five years, (b) four years, (c) three years, (d) two years and (e) one year for their elective surgery?

ANSWER:

The table below identifies the numbers of patients waiting more than one year as at 9 December 2008:

Waiting time	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3
(a) > 5 years	0	0	397
(b) 4 – 5 years	0	0	142
(c) 3 - 4 years	0	0	228
(d) $2-3$ years	0	0	514
(e) 1 - 2 years	0	264	1,338