

Question on Notice
No. 365
Asked on 8 May 2014

MR SORENSEN asked the Minister for Health (MR SPRINGBORG)-

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide details of any improved performance in surgery sub-categories in Wide Bay HHS under the term of the LNP Government?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Hervey Bay for his question.

According to the latest performance data, local hospitals are delivering better results for patients across the Wide Bay region with more residents receiving surgery on time. From March 2012 to March 2014, overall, there has been a 14% reduction in the number of patients exceeding the clinically recommended waiting times for surgery for Category 1 to Category 3 for the Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service (WBHHS). Some of the highlights are as follows:

- from March 2012 to March 2014, the WBHHS achieved a 44% reduction in the number of patients exceeding clinically recommended waiting times for Orthopaedic surgery;
- within the same period, there was also a 44% reduction in the number of patients exceeding clinically recommended waiting times for Urology surgery (noting, this does not include diagnostic Urology procedures);
- additionally, the WBHHS reduced the number of patients exceeding clinically recommended waiting times for Endoscopy procedures by 99%; and
- Bundaberg Hospital achieved the NEST for 2013 (2% leniency applies to Part 1 (percentage of patients treated within the clinically recommended time) – Category 1).
- Fraser Coast achieved Part 2 of the NEST (reduction in the average overdue days) Category 2 and 3 for 2013.