

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 52**  
**Asked on 13 February 2014**

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide an update on how long-term dental waiting lists are being addressed and the benefits of this government's actions for Pine Rivers' residents?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Pine Rivers for his question.

I can advise you that the Metro North Hospital and Health Service has worked with private dental practices to supplement the existing oral health care provided in public dental clinics. This has markedly reduced the time patients are waiting for care and has enabled many patients to receive care closer to their home.

In the Pine Rivers area, since March 2013, more than 1,000 vouchers for general dental care were issued, as well as more than 1,200 vouchers for emergency dental care. This is in addition to the patients who continued to receive care through the Pine Rivers public dental clinic. Overall, there has been around a 40% reduction in the number of patients waiting for a check-up at the Pine Rivers Dental Clinic and 100% of patients at the Pine Rivers Dental Clinic are being treated within the recommended time frame for General Dental Care.