

Question on Notice
No. 107
Asked on 16 February 2017

MR MCARDLE asked the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services (HON C R DICK) –

With reference to the Caboolture Hospital—

Will the Minister advise for the period 1 July 2016 to the date of answer to this question, the number of patients treated by specialty services at the hospital in the areas of neurology, ophthalmology, orthopaedics, plastic and reconstructive surgery, urology, endoscopy, immunology, chemotherapy and renal services with each service reported separately?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Caloundra for his question.

I am advised that specialist services for Neurology, Ophthalmology, Orthopaedics, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Urology, Immunology, Chemotherapy and Renal services (Urology and Nephrology) are not offered at Caboolture Hospital currently. For people living in Caboolture these services are provided at Redcliffe, The Prince Charles Hospital and Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital. A non-specialist renal dialysis service is offered at Caboolture Hospital, but is not part of the Specialist Outpatient Data Collection; and therefore the number of patients seen is not available.

I am further advised that from 1 July 2016 until 15 June 2017 a total of 2,197 patients received endoscopic procedures at Caboolture Hospital (1,189 Upper Gastrointestinal (GI) endoscopy procedures, 1,769 Lower GI endoscopy procedures and 7 Other Endoscopic Procedures).

This compares very favourably with the performance for the period 1 July 2013 to 15 June 2014, during the course of the Newman LNP Government in which the Honourable Member served as a Cabinet Minister, which saw a total of only 1,329 patients receiving endoscopic procedures at Caboolture Hospital (621 Upper Gastrointestinal (GI) endoscopy procedures, 1,137 Lower GI endoscopy procedures and 4 other endoscopic procedures).

This represents a 65% increase in the number of patients receiving endoscopic procedures at Caboolture Hospital.