

Question on Notice

No. 1232

Asked on 19 September 2018

MR J BLEIJIE asked the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services (HON DR S MILES) –

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise why services and surgery to treat lumbar spinal stenosis are not offered at Sunshine Coast University Hospital?

ANSWER

Lumbar spinal stenosis is generally managed medically (non-surgically) by anti-inflammatories, physiotherapy and steroid injections – and this currently happens at the Sunshine Coast University Hospital (SCUH). Only severe cases need to be managed surgically.

I am advised that the current demand for surgical management of lumbar spinal stenosis is not sufficient to warrant this service at SCUH.