

Question on Notice

No. 458

Asked on 2 April 2019

MR C BOYCE asked the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services (HON DR S MILES)—

QUESTION

With reference to elderly Wowan citizens unable to access public transport options or the ambulance transport service unless bedridden—

Will the Minister advise when the Mount Morgan hospital (which does not offer specialist appointments) will be removed from the Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme calculations that prevents patients from receiving any travel subsidy when travelling to Rockhampton to see medical specialists?

ANSWER

The Queensland Government acknowledges the additional costs Queenslanders living in rural and remote locations incur to access specialist health services. That's why we continue to subsidise travel and accommodation costs through the Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme (PTSS).

The policy parameters of the PTSS permit an eligible patient to access the scheme if they are referred to a specialist health service located 50 kilometres or more (one way) from their local Queensland public hospital or public health facility closest to their permanent address.

This policy is applied equally across Queensland.