

Question on Notice

No. 170

Asked on 18 February 2020

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

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise the number of patients removed from the elective surgery waiting list because of (a) death, (b) failure to attend two appointments and (c) recategorised clinical response for 2016 to 2019 (reported separately by year and hospital and health service)?

ANSWER

(a)

Hospital and Health Service (HHS)	2018	2019
Cairns and Hinterland	34	39
Central Queensland	19	12
Central West	5	1
Children's Health Queensland	2	2
Darling Downs	22	28
Gold Coast	75	101
Mackay	13	8
Metro North	83	98
Metro South	83	109
North West	1	–
South West	2	1
Sunshine Coast	35	56
Torres and Cape	1	–
Townsville	53	57
West Moreton	10	20
Wide Bay	9	3

This data was not collected prior to 2018.

It should be noted that although the patient was removed as deceased, it cannot be inferred that this was as a result of the condition that they were on the wait list for.

- (b) Patients are not removed from the elective surgery wait list for 'failure to attend two appointments'.
- (c) Patients are not removed from the elective surgery wait list for 're-categorised clinical response'.