

Question on Notice

No. 25

Asked on 4 February 2020

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

QUESTION

With reference to rural telehealth services—

Will the Minister outline (a) the allocated expenditure for 2015-16 to 2018-19 (reported separately by financial year with a breakdown between operational and capital), (b) the budget for 2019-20 (broken down between operational and capital), (c) the number of non-admitted patient telehealth occasions of service for 2015-16 to 2018-19 (reported separately by financial year) and (d) the number of Mental Health telehealth provision of service in 2015-16 to 2018-19 (reported separately by financial year)?

ANSWER

Financial year	Operational budget	Number of non-admitted telehealth service events	Number of mental health telehealth provisions of service
2015-16	\$1.8 million	51,467	20,634
2016-17	\$1.8 million	71,372	21,307
2017-18	\$1.8 million	93,788	28,808
2018-19	\$1.8 million	109,181	35,638
2019-20	\$1.8 million		

Many capital projects include elements to enhance telehealth capability, however as these amounts are not separately identified, it is not possible to provide an estimate of the total expenditure on telehealth capital items.