

Question on Notice

No. 718

Asked on 15 July 2020

MR S O'CONNOR asked the Deputy Premier and Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services (HON DR S MILES) –

QUESTION

Will the Deputy Premier (a) advise how many residents of the Gold Coast have had their elective surgery deferred this year (reported separately monthly by category, procedure type and procedure location (Gold Coast University Hospital or Robina Hospital)) and (b) how many of these patients have had their surgery rescheduled or performed?

ANSWER

On 15 May 2020, National Cabinet lifted elective surgery restrictions, introducing a staged approach that incrementally increases elective surgery activity in response to local circumstances.

On 14 June 2020, I announced that the Palaszczuk Government would be investing a quarter of a billion dollars to support an increased capacity in elective surgery.

I am advised that between 1 January 2020 and 22 July 2020, the Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service deferred 1,875 individual patients from the Elective Surgery Wait List.

Of the 545 patients yet to receive their surgery, 162 patients have received their rescheduled surgery date and 231 patients are waiting to be advised of their rescheduled surgery date.