

Question on Notice

No. 851

Asked on 12 August 2020

MR A PERRETT asked the Deputy Premier and Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services (HON DR S MILES) –

QUESTION

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

ANSWER

In line with a decision made by National Cabinet, certain elective surgery services were temporarily paused in March 2020.

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

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

I am advised that between January and June 2020, 320 residents from Gympie had their surgery deferred.

I am further advised that as at 17 August 2020, of the 320, 209 have been treated, 16 are booked and awaiting surgery, 8 are still awaiting a booking and 87 are not ready for care or no longer require treatment.