

## Question on Notice

No. 862

Asked on 17 June 2021

**DR M ROBINSON** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON Y D'ATH) –

### QUESTION

With reference to the Princess Alexandra Hospital—

Will the Minister advise the number of patient surgeries by category that have been postponed or cancelled by the hospital over the past twelve months and the reasons why?

### ANSWER

I am advised that as at 22 June 2021, since 1 July 2020 the Princess Alexandra Hospital has postponed a total of 4,754 patient surgeries, made up of:

- Category 1: 1,216;
- Category 2: 2,777; and
- Category 3: 761.

During that same period, I am advised that approximately 14,445 patient surgeries were performed.

I am advised that the reasons for the postponement of these surgeries is varied, including:

- Healthcare facility lockdowns, under the direction of the Chief Health Officer and the *Public Health Act 2005* in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Emergency case priority;
- Theatre availability;
- Patient initiated;
- Staffing availability;
- Bed availability;
- Equipment issues;
- Patient identified as not fit for surgery; and
- Surgery no longer required as clinically reviewed.

Elective surgery booking staff work to reschedule operations in co-operation with surgical teams and patients, considering likely theatre time and bed availability.