

## Question on Notice

No. 1283

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**MR A POWELL** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON Y D'ATH)—

### QUESTION

With reference to patients waiting for Cochlear Implants through Queensland Health—

Will the Minister advise (a) the number of patients on the waiting list for Cochlear Implants as of 1 January for each calendar year from 2015 to 2022, (b) the number of Cochlear Implant procedures undertaken each calendar year from 2015 to 2022 and (c) the number of patients currently on the waiting list for Cochlear Implants?

### ANSWER

I have been advised by the department that the following table represents the waiting list for Cochlear Implants for each calendar year through Queensland Health. It is noted that no data is available as at 1 January 2015 as the Elective Surgery Data Collection (ESDC) only started on 1 July 2015.

Census Date	Number of patients on the waiting list for Cochlear Implants
as at 1 January 2015	Not Available, predates EDC
as at 1 January 2016	38
as at 1 January 2017	30
as at 1 January 2018	43
as at 1 January 2019	41
as at 1 January 2020	33
as at 1 January 2021	53
as at 1 January 2022	76
<b>as at 1 October 2022</b>	<b>81</b>

#### Notes:

1. Restricted to public hospitals, including Mater Hospital Brisbane.
2. Cochlear implant procedures identified using ICD ACHI Codes:
  - 41617-00 - Implantation of cochlear prosthetic device
  - 41617-02 - Implantation of cochlear prosthetic device, unilateral
  - 41617-05 - Implantation of cochlear prosthetic device, bilateral

Source: Queensland Health Elective Surgery Data Collection (ESDC), Healthcare Improvement Unit, Clinical Excellence Queensland

I have been further advised by the department that the following table represents the number of Cochlear Implants procedures undertaken for each calendar year through Queensland Health.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Episodes of admitted patient care</b>
2015	131
2016	128
2017	121
2018	108
2019	112
2020	101
2021 p.	101
2022 p. (Jan-Sep)	59

**Notes:**

1. p. 2021 and Jul-Sep 2022 preliminary data and subject to change.
2. Restricted to public hospitals, including Mater Hospital Brisbane.
3. Excludes episodes of admitted patient care for newborns without qualified days, posthumous organ procurement and boards.
4. An episode of care for an admitted patient may be a total hospital stay or a portion of a stay that begins or ends in a change of care type.
5. Cochlear implant episodes identified using Diagnosis Related Group code of D01Z (version 10).

*Source: Queensland Hospital Admitted Patient Data Collection (QHAPDC), Statistical Services Branch, Department of Health, Queensland*