

Question on Notice

No. 1323

Asked on 25 October 2023

MR M CRANDON asked the Minister for Health, Mental Health and Ambulance Services and the Minister for Women (HON S FENTIMAN)—

QUESTION

With reference to Hospital and Health Service (HHS) Key Performance Indicators as outlined in HHS service agreements —

Will the Minister provide the number of Gastrointestinal endoscopy patients waiting longer than clinically recommended (a) as at 30 June for each year from 2015 to 2022 (reported separately by HHS and category) and (b) as at 1 May 2023?

ANSWER

Queensland Health is now delivering more gastrointestinal endoscopies than before COVID, despite increasing referrals. We have also seen the number of people waiting longer than clinically recommended reduce by almost 40 per cent across the State.

This great progress is thanks to the hard work of our frontline staff, but we know there is more to do.

That's why the Palaszczuk Government is investing more than \$16.5 million to further boost the number of procedures delivered, and further reduce backlogs.

This funding will go towards expanded theatre hours, planning for new theatre spaces, and leveraging capacity in the private sector.

The table below details the number of Queensland Gastrointestinal Endoscopy patients waiting longer than clinically recommended as at 30 June for each year from 2016* to 2022, reported by HHS and category.

HHS	Category	1-Jul-16	1-Jul-17	1-Jul-18	1-Jul-19	1-Jul-20	1-Jul-21	1-Jul-22	1-Jul-23
Cairns and Hinterland	4	116	67	2	30	34	95	194	111
	5	159	118	1	159	709	160	365	153
	6	13	3	0	0	66	20	19	19
Central Queensland	4	103	0	0	0	0	19	0	30
	5	80	0	0	0	0	13	79	269
	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	17	35
Central West	4	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	2
	5	9	0	0	1	0	0	3	1
	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0

Children's Health Queensland	4	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
	5	1	5	15	0	18	8	181	83
	6	0	1	2	0	1	0	8	4
Darling Downs	4	0	0	9	0	1	36	3	88
	5	0	0	2	0	6	25	41	282
	6	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	30
Gold Coast	4	0	103	13	1	1	3	3	11
	5	340	457	236	917	336	477	228	1,211
	6	2	4	1	70	85	322	311	872
Mackay	4	35	8	3	8	20	2	2	0
	5	42	2	2	0	10	4	3	0
	6	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mater Health Service	4	13	72	2	15	24	3	0	2
	5	48	346	3	95	181	234	342	227
	6	12	17	0	0	0	1	52	1
Metro North	4	691	304	585	229	286	243	196	248
	5	2,441	883	403	113	1,062	435	266	209
	6	348	93	59	14	334	44	177	74
Metro South	4	1,027	596	174	391	900	589	551	689
	5	1,565	593	36	221	1,007	1,133	865	237
	6	274	191	9	21	162	40	127	63
North West	4	2	0	0	0	1	5	0	2
	5	24	0	0	0	0	37	0	0
	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South West	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0
	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sunshine Coast	4	439	25	4	0	2	0	1	296
	5	188	693	0	1	170	0	1	211
	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Torres and Cape	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
	5	0	2	2	1	0	6	5	4
	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Townsville	4	32	0	0	0	9	0	0	2
	5	103	0	0	0	12	0	1	26
	6	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
West Moreton	4	3	8	1	82	55	50	76	339
	5	26	18	0	227	189	71	88	158
	6	6	0	0	19	35	3	5	13
Wide Bay	4	381	0	0	0	3	6	14	20
	5	352	0	2	0	115	23	100	69
	6	10	0	0	0	0	2	1	7

*Data is reported as at census date, being the day following the reporting period. Data prior to the 2016-17 financial year is not available in the Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Data Collection.

The table below details the number of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy patients waiting longer than clinically recommended as at 1 May 2023, reported by HHS and category.

1-May-23	Category		
HHS	4	5	6
Cairns and Hinterland	118	108	9
Central Queensland	15	259	33
Central West	1	0	0
Children's Health Queensland	0	130	13
Darling Downs	182	191	12
Gold Coast	9	1,112	769
Mackay	25	138	1
Mater Health Service	3	352	1
Metro North	311	155	145
Metro South	734	283	59
North West	3	0	0
South West	0	0	0
Sunshine Coast	428	380	0
Torres and Cape	2	12	2
Townsville	21	21	3
West Moreton	79	62	11
Wide Bay	67	96	7