

Question on Notice

No. 1390

Asked on 14 November 2023

MR J MCDONALD ASKED MINISTER FOR HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR WOMEN (HON S FENTIMAN)—

QUESTION

With reference to Question on Notice No. 628 asked on the 21 June 2022 regarding the waitlist at the Laidley Dental Clinic in the Lockyer Electorate— Will the Minister advise (a) the number of patients waiting longer than the clinically recommended time for their treatment/procedure as at 1 June 2023, (b) the average waiting time for those patients waiting longer than the clinically recommended time for their treatment/procedure as at 1 June 2023 and (c) any plans to reduce the waiting times for public dental patients in the Lockyer Valley?

ANSWER

I am advised, as the waiting lists are reported on the last day of the month, the following information relates to 30 June 2023.

As of 30 June 2023, there were a total of 1,196 patients on the general care wait list at Laidley Dental Clinic for a check-up and general dental treatment.

All of these patients were waiting within the maximum clinically recommended timeframe of two years for a check-up and general dental care.

As reported in point A, there are no patients waiting longer than clinically recommended timeframes.

West Moreton Health has maintained wait times for general dental care at Laidley Dental Clinic within the recommended timeframes. This has been achieved primarily through services provided by public oral health staff at the Laidley Dental Clinic. This service includes a team of dentists, prosthetists, and dental assistants delivering public dental care 5 days per week to eligible patients. In addition, West Moreton Health is allocated non-recurrent Federation Funding Agreement (FFA) (previously National Partnership Agreement) Commonwealth funding to address dental waiting lists. This funding is used to supplement services provided at Laidley Dental Clinic by issuing dental vouchers to local private dental providers.