

Question on Notice

No. 1410

Asked on 14 November 2023

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

QUESTION

With reference to the elective surgeries across Queensland Health facilities—
Will the Minister provide as at 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December for the years 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 (a) patients treated within the clinically recommended times and (b) number of patients waiting?

ANSWER

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to ensuring Queenslanders have access to world-class healthcare, no matter where in our vast state they live.

In the September 2023 Quarter, Queensland Health delivered more elective surgeries than ever before, with more than 38,250 Queenslanders receiving the care they need.

But we know there is more to do to reduce wait times, which is why we are investing \$224 million to deliver an additional 20,000 elective surgeries this financial year.

I am advised that the Elective Surgery Data Collection was formally established in 2015-2016 and as such comparable data is not available prior to 1 July 2015.

The list below outlines the number of elective surgery patients treated within clinically recommended times for each quarter from 1 July 2015 to 31 December 2016.

- July to September 2015 – 35,092;
- October to December 2015 – 32,966;
- January to March 2016 – 32,037;
- April to June 2016 – 35,703;
- July to September 2016 – 36,779; and
- October to December 2016 – 34,201.

The list below outlines the number of ready for surgery elective surgery patients on the waitlist as at the census date for the end of each respective quarter.

- 1 October 2015 – 30,800;
- 1 January 2016 – 32,718;
- 1 April 2016 – 33,402;
- 1 July 2016 – 35,661;
- 1 October 2016 – 37,181; and
- 1 January 2017 – 38,788.