

Question on Notice

No. 1597

Asked on 30 November 2023

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

QUESTION

With reference to elective surgeries undertaken across Queensland Health facilities and Queensland Health's Elective Surgery Services Implementation Standard—
Will the Minister advise (reported separately by Hospital and Health Service) the number of hospital initiated cancellations (a) per calendar month in 2023, from January to November, (b) on 20 November 2023, (c) on 21 November 2023, (d) on 22 November 2023 and (e) on 23 November 2023?

ANSWER

The Miles 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 30,000 elective surgeries this financial year.

I am advised that there are a number of reasons a hospital may cancel an elective surgery procedure, including emergency and urgent cases taking priority, doctors electing not to perform the case, and hospital initiated public health alerts. Where this happens, hospitals work with patients to reschedule their procedure.

I am advised that the below list details the number of hospital-initiated cancellations, where the cancellation was initiated on or after the booked day of surgery, by calendar month January to November 2023 inclusive. The total number of elective surgeries delivered from the elective surgery waitlist, by calendar month January to November 2023 inclusive, has also been included.

- Cairns and Hinterland –
 - 28, 38, 33, 33, 41, 34, 51, 46, 22, 26, 40 hospital-initiated cancellations, respectively, of a total 7 382 surgeries delivered during that period
- Central Queensland –
 - 29, 20, 32, 26, 26, 31, 20, 20, 3, 6, 2 hospital-initiated cancellations, respectively, of a total 3 588 surgeries delivered during that period
- Central West –
 - 1, 0, 2, 2, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0 hospital-initiated cancellations, of a total 238 surgeries delivered during that period
- Children's Health Queensland –

- 10, 3, 17, 11, 15, 19, 14, 3, 10, 9, 13 hospital-initiated cancellations, respectively, of a total 8 730 surgeries delivered during that period
- Darling Downs –
 - 15, 37, 39, 30, 44, 36, 19, 21, 11, 18, 11 hospital-initiated cancellations, respectively, of a total 5 725 surgeries delivered during that period
- Gold Coast –
 - 46, 53, 74, 40, 70, 67, 55, 63, 51, 34, 52 hospital-initiated cancellations, respectively, of a total 16 335 surgeries delivered during that period
- Mackay –
 - 10, 19, 27, 16, 16, 20, 19, 21, 14, 21, 17 hospital-initiated cancellations, respectively, of a total 2 858 surgeries delivered during that period
- Metro North –
 - 68, 57, 65, 90, 114, 92, 80, 81, 55, 41, 49 hospital-initiated cancellations, respectively, of a total 30 178 surgeries delivered during that period
- Metro South –
 - 48, 76, 118, 86, 107, 111, 88, 86, 90, 107, 120 hospital-initiated cancellations, respectively, of a total 23 510 surgeries delivered during that period
- North West –
 - 2, 0, 1, 2, 2, 0, 1, 3, 1, 0, 0 hospital-initiated cancellations, respectively, of a total 594 surgeries delivered during that period
- South West –
 - 1, 0, 2, 1, 0, 4, 0, 4, 1, 0, 0 hospital-initiated cancellations, respectively, of a total 894 surgeries delivered during that period
- Sunshine Coast –
 - 40, 49, 45, 43, 36, 40, 36, 39, 33, 27, 28 hospital-initiated cancellations, respectively, of a total 11 922 surgeries delivered during that period
- Torres and Cape –
 - 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 4, 16, 2, 1, 0, 1 hospital-initiated cancellations, respectively, of a total 268 surgeries delivered during that period
- Townsville –
 - 23, 38, 39, 27, 55, 47, 24, 47, 25, 59, 49 hospital-initiated cancellations, respectively, of a total 7 657 surgeries delivered during that period
- West Moreton –
 - 9, 8, 8, 4, 7, 3, 9, 8, 3, 4, 1 hospital-initiated cancellations, respectively, of a total 3 819 surgeries delivered during that period
- Wide Bay –
 - 29, 20, 34, 31, 39, 25, 23, 26, 10, 8, 11 hospital-initiated cancellations, respectively, of a total 4 301 surgeries delivered during that period.

The below list details the number of hospital-initiated cancellations on the dates 20-23 November 2023, where the cancellation was initiated on or after the booked day of surgery. The total number of elective surgeries delivered from the elective surgery waitlist on the same days has also been included.

- Cairns and Hinterland
 - 0, 0, 2, 1 hospital-initiated cancellations, respectively, of a total 116 surgeries performed during that period
- Central Queensland

- 0, 0, 0, 0 hospital-initiated cancellations, respectively, of a total 66 surgeries delivered during that period
- Central West
 - 0, 0, 0, 0 hospital-initiated cancellations, respectively, of a total four surgeries delivered during that period
- Children's Health Queensland
 - 0, 2, 0, 0 hospital-initiated cancellations, respectively, of a total 169 surgeries delivered during that period
- Darling Downs
 - 0, 0, 0, 1 hospital-initiated cancellations, respectively, of a total 110 surgeries delivered during that period
- Gold Coast
 - 4, 4, 2, 2 hospital-initiated cancellations, respectively, of a total 318 surgeries delivered during that period
- Mackay
 - 0, 0, 2, 0 hospital-initiated cancellations, respectively, of a total 41 surgeries delivered during that period
- Metro North
 - 6, 1, 7, 1 hospital-initiated cancellations, respectively, of a total 489 surgeries delivered during that period
- Metro South
 - 9, 2, 5, 1 hospital-initiated cancellations, respectively, of a total 444 surgeries delivered during that period
- North West
 - 0, 0, 0, 0 hospital-initiated cancellations, respectively, of a total eight surgeries delivered during that period
- South West
 - 0, 0, 0, 0 hospital-initiated cancellations, respectively, of a total three surgeries delivered during that period
- Sunshine Coast
 - 3, 1, 1, 0 hospital-initiated cancellations, respectively, of a total 250 surgeries delivered during that period
- Torres and Cape
 - 0, 0, 0, 0 hospital-initiated cancellations, respectively, of a total 10 surgeries delivered during that period
- Townsville
 - 3, 3, 2, 1 hospital-initiated cancellations, respectively, of a total 138 surgeries delivered during that period
- West Moreton
 - 0, 0, 0, 0 hospital-initiated cancellations, respectively, of a total 60 surgeries delivered during that period
- Wide Bay
 - 2, 0, 0, 3 hospital-initiated cancellations, respectively, of a total 88 surgeries delivered during that period

Source:

Hospital Initiated Cancellations: Queensland Health Operating Theatre Data Collection