

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 1615**

**Asked on 30 November 2023**

**MR T WATTS** ASKED MINISTER FOR HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR WOMEN (HON S FENTIMAN)—

### **QUESTION**

Will the Minister advise since 2015 (reported yearly) how many women in the Darling Downs HHS and South-West HHS (a) access endometriosis or persistent pelvic pain services, (b) have had a laparoscopy to explore or remove Endometriomas and (c) are currently on the waitlist to receive a laparoscopy and their wait time (recorded as - less than 3 months, 6 months, 9 months and greater than 12 months)?

### **ANSWER**

I am advised that within Darling Downs HHS, since 2015, there have been 1,536 referrals received and accepted for women with endometriosis or persistent pelvic pain to access outpatient services, with the following yearly breakdown:

- 2015 – 90
- 2016 – 110
- 2017 – 120
- 2018 – 141
- 2019 – 192
- 2020 – 204
- 2021 – 217
- 2022 – 219
- 2023 – 243 (to date)

Since 2015, in Darling Downs HHS there have been 177 laparoscopies performed to explore or remove endometriosis.

Currently in Darling Downs HHS, 58 women are on the elective surgery waiting list for laparoscopy, including:

- 19 women waiting less than 3 months.
- 26 women waiting less than 6 months.
- 11 women waiting less than 9 months.
- 2 women waiting greater than 12 months.

I am advised that in the South West HHS, specialist Gynaecology service comprises of the Flying Obstetrician and Gynaecology (FOG) team, General Practice, Women's Health and Continence Clinics. Extracted data is limited to the number of patients/occasions of service and cannot differentiate the 'primary reason of visit', i.e. endometriosis or persistent non-admitted service events.

Since 2015, in South West HHS there have been 236 laparoscopies performed to explore or remove endometriosis.

Currently in South West HHS, 20 women on the elective surgery waiting list for laparoscopy, including:

- 8 women waiting less than 3 months.
- 4 women waiting less than 6 months.
- 8 women waiting less than 9 months.
- 0 women waiting greater than 12 months.