

Question on Notice

No. 294

Asked on 29 March 2023

MS A LEAHY ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON Y D'ATH)—

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise of the locations and number of visits the mobile breast screen van has made to locations in the SWHHS and DDHHS in the last ten years (reported separately by location and year)?

ANSWER

Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in Australian women.

Finding breast cancer early means there are more treatment options and therefore the service BreastScreen Queensland provides is vital to the health of our community.

This is why Queensland Health aims to make it easier for women living in rural areas of Queensland to access breast screening by bringing breast screening services closer to where they live.

There are 11 mobile breast screening vans that travel to rural areas on a regular basis.

I am advised in the last 10 years from 2013 to 2023 a mobile BreastScreen Queensland van has visited the following sites within the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service:

- Allora five times on a two-yearly basis and will be visiting again later this year
- Carbal Medical Services Toowoomba once in 2017 – Carbal Medical Services changed location to a site not suitable for mobile van visits and the van now visits other sites listed below
- Cherbourg on a two-yearly basis – and will be visiting again later this year – previously was part of Wide Bay BreastScreen Queensland service catchment prior to 2021
- Chinchilla five times on a two-yearly basis – and will be visiting again in 2024
- Clifton four times on a two-yearly basis – and will be visiting again later this year
- Crows Nest five times on a two-yearly basis – and will be visiting again in 2024
- Dalby six times on a two-yearly basis – and will be visiting again in 2025
- Goondiwindi six times on a two-yearly basis and will be visiting again in 2025
- Highfields 11 times on an annual basis
- Inglewood five times on a two-yearly basis – and will be visiting again in 2024
- Kingaroy 11 times on an annual basis
- Miles five times on a two-yearly basis – and will be visiting again in 2024
- Millmerran six times on a two-yearly basis – and will be visiting again in 2025

- Murgon one time on a two-yearly basis – and will be visiting again later this year – previously was part of Wide Bay BreastScreen Queensland service catchment prior to 2021
- Nanango five times on a two-yearly basis – and will be visiting again in 2024
- Northpoint Shopping Centre in Toowoomba two times in 2017
- Oakey five times on a two-yearly basis – visiting again later this year
- Pittsworth six times on a two-yearly basis – visiting again in 2025
- Stanthorpe five times on a two-yearly basis – visiting again in 2024
- Tara five times on a two-yearly basis – visiting again in 2024
- Texas five times on a two-yearly basis – visiting again in 2024
- The Willows Fitness Centre Toowoomba two times
- Wandoan three times on a two-yearly basis – amalgamated with Taroom & Miles in 2020 due to COVID-19 pandemic – visiting again in 2024
- Warwick 11 times on an annual basis
- Wilsonton Shopping Centre Toowoomba five times
- Windorah four times – combined with Quilpie due to low numbers.

I am advised in the last 10 years from 2013 to 2023 a mobile BreastScreen Queensland van has visited the following sites within the South West Hospital and Health Service:

- Augathella five times on a two-yearly basis – coming again later this year
- Bollon five times on a two-yearly basis – coming again later this year
- Charleville five times on a two-yearly basis – coming again later this year
- Cunnamulla five times on a two-yearly basis – coming again later this year
- Dirranbandi five times on a two-yearly basis – coming again later this year
- Injune four times on a two-yearly basis – amalgamated with Roma in 2020 due to COVID-19 pandemic - coming again in 2024
- Mitchell five times on a two-yearly basis – coming again later this year
- Mungindi five times on a two-yearly basis – coming again later this year
- Quilpie five times on a two-yearly basis – coming in 2023
- Roma five times on a two-yearly basis – coming again later this year
- St George five times on a two-yearly basis – coming again later this year
- Surat five times on a two-yearly basis – coming again later this year
- Thargomindah five times on a two-yearly basis – coming again later this year.