

Question on Notice

No. 537

Asked on 10 May 2023

MRS L GERBER ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON Y D'ATH)—

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise of the State Government's plan for the rollout of Voxzogo, a drug to treat and improve outcomes for children with Achondroplasia, which has recently been added to the PBS?

ANSWER

Achondroplasia is a disorder of bone growth that prevents the changing of cartilage (particularly in the long bones of the arms and legs) to bone.

I am advised the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) Authority requirements require that Voxzogo is prescribed by, or in consultation with, a medical specialist experienced in the treatment of achondroplasia.

Children's Health Queensland (CHQ) are aware of the listing of Voxzogo and is currently planning how to integrate this treatment into current best care.

It is important to note that multidisciplinary care (e.g., with physiotherapists assessing function) is necessary to monitor the effects of treatment.