

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 648**

**Asked on 24 May 2023**

**MRS D FRECKLINGTON** ASKED MINISTER FOR HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR WOMEN (HON S FENTIMAN)—

### **QUESTION**

With reference to the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service—

Will the Minister advise (a) if there is currently an Oral Surgeon based at Toowoomba Hospital, (b) if not, how frequently a visiting Oral Surgeon attends Toowoomba Hospital, (c) the current average wait time for an appointment with the surgeon and (d) the current average wait time for this specialist surgery?

### **ANSWER**

I am advised that the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service (DDHHS) currently has one (1) public Oral Maxillofacial Surgeon.

Based on the financial year to date, the average wait time, as reported in April, for an outpatient appointment with the surgeon is:

- Category 1 patients – 6 days
- Category 2 patients – 91 days
- Category 3 patients – 441 days

Based on the financial year to date, the average wait time, as reported in April, for Oral Maxillofacial surgery within DDHHS is:

- Category 1 – Nil patients
- Category 2 – 54 days
- Category 3 – 273 days

Following an appointment, no Category 1 patients required surgery, 88.9 per cent of Category 2 patients received their surgery in time and 76.5 per cent of Category 3 patients received surgery within the clinically recommended timeframe.