

Question on Notice

No. 703

Asked on 25 May 2023

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

QUESTION

With reference to Appendix G (page 103) of the Rural Maternity Taskforce Report: June 2019—

Will the Minister advise how many facilities have been placed on bypass (reported separately by separate occasions) since the report was completed, inclusive of (a) facility name, (b) date placed on bypass and (c) date bypass lifted?

ANSWER

I have been advised by the Department of Health, since the Rural Maternity Taskforce report – June 2019, no maternity services have been permanently closed.

In relation to maternity services that have been on bypass, extracting and collating the information would require extensive work by each Hospital and Health Service and Department of Health staff. Undertaking that work would necessitate diverting resources from delivering and supporting frontline services.