

Question on Notice

No. 785

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

QUESTION

With reference to bowel cancer surveillance procedures across the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service (DDHHS)—

Will the Minister advise (a) since 2015 how many Endoscopies/Colonoscopies (reported separately by year and procedure) have been (i) performed at the Toowoomba Hospital, (ii) outsourced to the private sector by the DDHHS and (b) are there any plans to recommence these procedures at the Toowoomba Hospital?

ANSWER

The data below is inclusive of the following procedure types:

- Gastroscopy
- Colonoscopy
- Combined Gastroscopy/Colonoscopy
- Flexible Sigmoidoscopy
- Combined Gastroscopy/Flexible Sigmoidoscopy
- Other related Endoscopy procedure

*Figure 1: Number of individual procedures by financial year**

Financial Year	Procedure	Gastroscopy	Colonoscopy	Flexible Sigmoidoscopy	Other Endoscopic Procedure
2014/15	In House	848	1173	71	58
	Private provider	401	633	<10	<10
2015/16	In House	1469	2106	78	122
	Private provider	19	69	<10	<10
2016/17	In House	1733	2384	97	226
	Private provider	38	70	<10	<10
2017/18	In House	1664	2235	106	262
	Private provider	175	420	<10	<10
2018/19	In House	1580	1957	137	242
	Private provider	293	614	<10	<10
2019/20	In House	1560	1939	149	262

Financial Year	Procedure	Gastroscopy	Colonoscopy	Flexible Sigmoidoscopy	Other Endoscopic Procedure
	Private provider	351	706	10	<10
2020/21	In House	1501	1885	131	276
	Private provider	495	944	17	<10
2021/22	In House	1830	2183	132	286
	Private provider	350	633	12	<10
2022/23 FYTD**	In House	1756	2104	146	296
	Private provider	334	763	15	<10

*Due to the grouping of data, secondary procedures such as Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreatography, Endoscopic Ultrasound, Percutaneous Endoscopic Gastrostomy, etc. have been excluded. Where Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreatography, Endoscopic Ultrasound, Percutaneous Endoscopic Gastrostomy etc. was a separate single procedure, this has been shown under Other Endoscopic Procedure.

** FYTD to May 2023

Darling Downs Health continues to assess the ongoing need, capacity and capability to perform endoscopy/colonoscopy type services either internally or through the use of private providers, in order to optimise delivery of patient care at point in time. Using private providers continues to deliver the high levels of expected care to patients, utilising clinicians trained to deliver the requested procedure. Work is currently underway on the construction of the New Day Surgery unit at the Baillie Henderson campus in Toowoomba. Planning continues in relation to suitable models of care for the New Day Surgery.