

Question on Notice

No. 223

Asked on 7 March 2024

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

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise (a) the total number of patients referred for a Positron Emission Tomography (PET) scan from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023, in each Hospital and Health Service and Statewide (Queensland Reporting Hospitals) and (b) the total number of these patients who were referred to private facilities for a PET scan (reported separately by Hospital and Health Service and Statewide (Queensland Reporting Hospitals))?

ANSWER

The total number of Positron Emission Tomography (PET) referrals made in the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 are not readily available. However, data is collected each financial year of the number of public patient PET scans performed, and the Member is welcome to request this data. A snapshot of that data has been provided below.

Excluding direct referrals to private providers, during financial year 2022-23 there were 24,551 Hospital and Health Service (HHS) initiated PET scans performed.

Please note that General Practitioners or private clinicians may also initiate PET scans to be performed privately, and the number of PET scans performed in this manner is unavailable to Queensland Health.