

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 298**

**Asked on 20 March 2024**

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

### **QUESTION**

Will the Minister advise for the past 12 months how many Toowoomba residents have been forced to receive surgery outside of the 4350 postcode due to the services not being offered at Toowoomba Hospital?

### **ANSWER**

Queensland Health clinicians deliver a broad range of elective and emergency surgery, and Toowoomba Hospital operates as part of a Queensland-wide clinical network which aims to deliver world-class healthcare to every Queenslanders, no matter where they live.

To collate data which describes the clinical journey of each patient residing in Toowoomba would be an unnecessary diversion of resources.

However, I can advise the Toowoomba Hospital is compliant with the Department of Health's Emergency Surgery Access Guideline (QH-GDL-440:2017) and Elective Surgery Service Implementation Standard (QH-IMP-342-1:2017) when unable to provide emergency or elective surgery to a patient.