

Question on Notice

No. 414

Asked on 17 April 2024

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

QUESTION

With reference to diagnostic imaging services—

Will the Minister provide as at 1 April from 2015 to 2024 (reported separately by Hospital and Health Service) the waiting list for an outpatient (a) ultrasound, (b) MRI scan and (c) CT scan?

ANSWER

The Miles Labor Government will always prioritise the delivery of imaging services to Queenslanders, no matter where they live, because these services are a critical part of a patient's treatment journey.

That is why, as part of the \$20 million in Patient Flow initiatives announced at the end of 2023, Queensland Health is delivering increased access to imaging at hospitals across the state, through extended hours of operation, both after hours and on weekends.

In relation to the member's question, I am advised that this data is not collated as a part of the Queensland Hospital and Health Service reporting and that gathering this data would require unreasonable diversions of resources.

The Biomedical Technology Radiology unit does capture waiting time data on an annual survey basis, however the waiting time metric:

- Provides no information on waiting lists;
- Does not distinguish outpatient versus inpatient, and;
- Is only available on per financial-year basis up to 2023.