

Question on Notice

No. 645

Asked on 22 May 2024

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

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise why the public health dental and breast screen services visiting Birdsville from Mount Isa have been disrupted and when will they resume?

ANSWER

Dental

Public Health dental services in Birdsville are delivered by Central West Health and Hospital Service.

I am advised these services were disrupted due to an irreparable malfunction to the dental drover. Since that time, the Royal Flying Doctors Service have provided an outreach dental service to Bedourie which can be accessed by clients from Birdsville.

I am advised a new dental drover is due to be delivered in August 2024 and services will resume.

Breast Screening

Breast Screen Queensland (BSQ) have mobile breast screening vans that travel to rural areas on a regular basis.

Eligible Birdsville residents are encouraged to visit the BSQ website (<https://www.breastscreen.qld.gov.au/>) to find a BSQ location and appointment time suitable to their needs. There has been no disruption to this service.