

## Question on Notice

No. 651

Asked on 22 May 2024

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

### QUESTION

With reference to answer to Question on Notice No. 1558 of 2023 and Queensland Health's Specialist Outpatient Services Implementation Standard—

Will the Minister advise (reported separately by Hospital and Health Service) the number of hospital initiated cancellations for January 2023, February 2024, March 2024 and April 2024?

### ANSWER

I refer the Member to my previous responses to Questions on Notice No. 539 of 2024 and 1558 of 2023.

To tackle the state's unprecedented demand for healthcare, the Miles Government has allocated \$28.9 billion health budget for 2024-25, including a \$2.167 billion infrastructure program – a substantial 10.6 per cent increase on the previous year.

Queensland Health's operating budget for 2024-25 is \$26.7 billion, a 96.1 per cent increase since 2015.

This investment will help deliver better care for patients by clearing patient bottlenecks and slashing wait times. It will increase access to critical healthcare for vulnerable populations and expand hospital capacity to handle more patients.

Building on initiatives within the *Putting Patients First* plan, the budget allocates \$1.14 billion over four years in 2024-25, including \$27.8 million allocated to expand hospital discharge initiatives and patient flow, allowing Queenslanders to return home sooner.

This funding expands upon the \$764 million already invested through *Putting Patients First* in 2023-24, and the \$224 million announced last year to deliver an additional 50,000 elective surgeries and outpatient appointments.