

Question on Notice

No. 106

Asked on 20 February 2025

MS S FENTIMAN ASKED MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON T NICHOLLS)—

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise the average wait time for a patient to receive a specialist outpatient appointment for elective surgery (in table format, reported separately by quarter and surgical category) since 1 July 2023?

ANSWER

I am advised that “average wait time for a patient to receive a specialist outpatient appointment for elective surgery” is not a recognised reporting measure. I am advised that not all referrals for specialist outpatient appointment result in a patient being added to the elective surgery waitlist. Therefore, the data requested is not in an easily retrievable format and would require an unreasonable diversion of resources to provide.

However, specialist outpatient and elective surgery performance measures, including median waiting time, are reported publicly on the Queensland Health Our Performance website available online at www.performance.health.qld.gov.au/.