

Question on Notice

No. 1548

Asked on 10 December 2025

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

QUESTION

With reference to the proposed closure of the Noosa Dental Clinic—

Will the Minister provide comparative data from October 2020 to October 2025, for the Noosa Dental Clinic to other Sunshine Coast state operated clinics including Nambour, Gympie, Caloundra, Maroochydore and SCUH showing number of chairs and annual averages or data by clinic of (a) appointments booked, (b) patients seen, (c) operating hours, (d) total wait times and by category of service, (e) referrals to other state clinics and (f) vouchers issued for use at private practices?

ANSWER

I am advised that, as at the time of preparing an answer to this question data from October 2025 was not yet available and therefore unable to compared to October 2020. However, to assist the Member, I have provided comparisons of data from 2020-21 to 2024-25.

(a) Appointments booked (Number of internal dental appointments)

Clinic	2020-21	2024-25
Caloundra	17,179	13,143
Gympie	9,503	7,612
Kawana	10,120	7,103
Nambour	6,478	5,082
Noosa	4,037	2,259
SCUH	2,818	2,205

(b) Patients seen (Total number of unique patients seen, internal and vouchers)

Clinic	2020-21	2024-25
Caloundra	6,931	5,763
Gympie	4,556	4,170
Kawana	5,603	4,478
Nambour	3,553	3,231
Noosa	2,734	1,951
SCUH	1,230	1,023

(c) Operating hours

The operating hours of all clinics are 7:45am to 4:15pm and this has not changed between the reporting periods.

(d) Total wait times and by category of service

Data on total wait times is available from the Queensland Government Open Data Portal, online at <https://www.data.qld.gov.au/>. Note data for the October–December 2025 quarter is not yet available as the reporting period is still current.

I am advised that all (100%) patients waiting for *general care* have been seen within the recommended time frame at all locations during both reporting periods.

(e) Referrals to other state clinics

I am advised that this data is not collected.

(f) Vouchers issued for use at private practices (Vouchers issued per clinic per financial year)

Clinic	2020-21	2024-25
Caloundra	2501	2462
Gympie	2753	2526
Kawana	2613	2344
Nambour	2097	1888
Noosa	1881	1556