

Question on Notice

No. 164

Asked on 13 March 2025

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

QUESTION

With reference to the Sunshine Coast Hospital gastroenterology waitlist reportedly exceeding 10,000 patients, including approximately 1,300 Category 1 urgent cases—

Will the Minister advise what immediate actions including utilising private hospitals will the government be undertaking to rapidly reduce this waitlist?

ANSWER

The assertion put by the Member has not been substantiated by any supporting material or references.

I am advised that the figure quoted with reference to the Sunshine Coast University Hospital gastroenterology waitlist is a significant misrepresentation of the actual waitlist.

I encourage the Member to be more cautious when making incorrect assertions such as these, as it can create unnecessary angst and confusion amongst the community.