

Question on Notice

No. 532

Asked on 21 May 2025

MS W BOURNE ASKED MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON T NICHOLLS)—

QUESTION

With reference to Aged Care Assessment Teams (ACATs) which operate out of the West Moreton Hospital and Health service and the lengthy wait times experienced by people needing an ACAT assessment in the Ipswich West Electorate—

Will the Minister confirm the average wait time for an ACAT assessment for the period (a) March 2023 to September 2024 and (b) October 2024 to present?

ANSWER

I am advised that the average wait time for community aged care assessments carried out by the West Moreton Hospital and Health Service Single Assessment Service, formerly the ACAT, between March 2023 and September 2024 was 18.2 days.

I am further advised that data is unavailable between October 2024 to present due to system upgrades occurring in the Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care's data portal, where this data is sourced from.