

## Question on Notice

No. 83

Asked on 20 February 2025

**MR G BUTCHER** ASKED MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON T NICHOLLS)—

### QUESTION

Will the Minister advise the number of elective surgeries cancelled by either patient or Queensland Health, at Mackay Hospital from October 2024 to January 2025 (in table format, reported separately by month, specialty, and category)?

### ANSWER

I am advised that the most recently available data is for the December 2024 reporting period.

Patient-initiated and Hospital-initiated cancellations for the Mackay Hospital from October 2024 to December 2024 are reported as per below.

I am advised that cancellations can occur for a multitude of reasons, including: the case being brought forward; patient no longer requires treatment; patient treated elsewhere; a priority emergency or elective case; staffing shortages; availability of beds; and more.

To avoid identifying individuals, data is aggregated and counts of less than five are not reported.

<b>Table 1: Day of Surgery cancellations by Month, Specialty, and Urgency Category</b>
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Day of Surgery Cancellations Dec 18; Day of Surgery Cancellations Nov 15, Day of Surgery Cancellations Oct 12. Day of Surgery cancellations by General surgery 15; Day of Surgery cancellations by Gynaecology 5; Day of Surgery cancellations by Ophthalmology <5, Orthopaedic surgery by 22; Day of Surgery cancellations by Urology <5. Day of Surgery Cancellations by Urgency Category 1 17, Day of Surgery cancellations by Urgency Category 2 21 Day of Surgery cancellations by Urgency Category 3 7.
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