

## Question on Notice

No. 95

Asked on 20 February 2025

**MR M HEALY** 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 Townsville Hospital from October 2024 to January 2025 (in table format, reported separately by month, specialty and category)?

### ANSWER

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.

Day of surgery cancellations for patients in is the official measure and the most meaningful reflection of elective surgery performance without reporting routine changes to scheduling occurring well in advance of the day of surgery.

I am advised that the most recently available data is for the period of October 2024 to December 2024.

Patient-initiated and Hospital-initiated Day of Surgery cancellations for the Townsville Hospital from October 2024 to December 2024 are reported as per below.

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

**Table 1: Day of Surgery cancellations by Month, Specialty, and Urgency Category**

Day of Surgery Cancellations Oct – 47; Day of Surgery Cancellations Dec – 56; Day of Surgery Cancellations Nov – 37. Day of Surgery cancellations by Cardiothoracic surgery – 16; Day of Surgery cancellations by Ear Nose and Throat surgery – <5; Day of Surgery cancellations by General surgery – 16, Day of Surgery cancellations by Gynaecology – <5; Day of Surgery cancellations by Neurosurgery – 9; Day of Surgery cancellations by Ophthalmology – 17; Day of Surgery cancellations by Orthopaedic surgery – 23 , Day of Surgery cancellations by Paediatric surgery 7; Day of Surgery cancellations by Plastic and Reconstructive surgery – 13; Day of Surgery cancellations by Urology – 21; Day of Surgery cancellations by Vascular surgery – 9; Not Specified – 5. Day of Surgery cancellations by Urgency Category – 69, Day of Surgery cancellations by Urgency Category 2 – 47; Day of Surgery cancellations by Urgency Category 3 – 24.
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