

Question on Notice

No. 192

Asked on 4 March 2026

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

QUESTION

With reference to colonoscopies being critical to the early detection and treatment of bowel cancer and other gastrointestinal conditions –

Will the Minister confirm (reported separately by category 1, 2 and 3), for the years 2023 to 2025 and current (a) the number of patients referred to Sunshine Coast University Hospital (SCUH) whose procedure is scheduled after the recommended timeframe, (b) the number of patients redirected from SCUH to other hospitals or clinics whose procedure is scheduled after the recommended timeframe, (c) the number of colonoscopy patients redirected from Noosa Hospital to SCUH or other hospitals and (d) the average wait time for a colonoscopy in the Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service catchment?

ANSWER

I am advised that colonoscopy specific data is not captured in isolation, rather all gastroenterology related scope types have been included in place of colonoscopy data. I invite the Member to clarify whether it is intended to capture all gastroenterology data in response to the above question.