

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Yan to the Minister for Health:

Surgery Wait Times

1. **Across all Northern Territory hospitals, how many patients are currently waiting for elective surgeries that are:**
 - a. **Category 1** 1422
 - b. **Category 2** 1955
 - c. **Category 3** 1306

2. **Across all Northern Territory hospitals, what is the current elective surgery wait time for:**
 - a. **Category 1** Average time on wait list = 52.4 days
 - b. **Category 2** Average time on wait list = 208.2 days
 - c. **Category 3** Average time on wait list = 396.8 days

3. **Since 1 April 2023, how many elective surgeries across all Northern Territory hospitals were:**
 - a. **Cancelled** 5644
 - b. **Postponed** 7561*
 - c. **Rescheduled** 1917*

Definitions:

- *Cancelled* – Not rebooked for various reasons (for example, “did not arrive” and “unknown availability”). To be re-booked at a later date/time.
- *Rescheduled* – A new booking date/time is provided when changing the initial booking.
- *Postponed* – Cancelled plus rescheduled.

* This breakdown of data is not yet available for Katherine Hospital and Gove District Hospital with transition to new patient administration and enterprise reporting systems.

4. **How many patients are currently waiting for elective surgeries at Royal Darwin Hospital that are:**
 - a. **Category 1** 571
 - b. **Category 2** 598
 - c. **Category 3** 472

5. What is the current wait time for elective surgery at Royal Darwin Hospital for:

- a. **Category 1** Average time on wait list = 56.7 days
- b. **Category 2** Average time on wait list = 265.7 days
- c. **Category 3** Average time on wait list = 468 days

6. Since 1 April 2023, how many elective surgeries at Royal Darwin Hospital were:

- a. **Cancelled** 2132
- b. **Postponed** 3381
- c. **Rescheduled** 1249

7. How many patients are currently waiting for elective surgeries at Palmerston Regional Hospital that are:

- a. **Category 1** 570
- b. **Category 2** 553
- c. **Category 3** 401

8. What is the current wait time for elective surgery at Palmerston Regional Hospital for:

- a. **Category 1** Average time on wait list = 46.4 days
- b. **Category 2** Average time on wait list = 113.3 days
- c. **Category 3** Average time on wait list = 328.1 days

9. Since 1 April 2023, how many elective surgeries at Palmerston Regional Hospital were:

- a. **Cancelled** 1959
- b. **Postponed** 2325
- c. **Rescheduled** 366

10. How many patients are currently waiting for elective surgeries at Katherine Hospital that are:

- a. **Category 1** 7
- b. **Category 2** 106
- c. **Category 3** 94

11. What is the current wait time for elective surgery at Katherine Hospital for:

- a. **Category 1** Average time on wait list = 212.0 days
- b. **Category 2** Average time on wait list = 469.3 days
- c. **Category 3** Average time on wait list = 467.9 days

12. Since 1 April 2023, how many elective surgeries at Katherine Hospital were:

- a. **Cancelled** 226
- b. **Postponed** N/A
- c. **Rescheduled** N/A

13. How many patients are currently waiting for elective surgeries at Gove District Hospital that are:

- a. **Category 1** 25
- b. **Category 2** 95
- c. **Category 3** 118

14. What is the current wait time for elective surgery at Gove District Hospital for:

- a. **Category 1** Average time on wait list = 109.8 days
- b. **Category 2** Average time on wait list = 184.3 days
- c. **Category 3** Average time on wait list = 285.8 days

15. Since 1 April 2023, how many elective surgeries at Gove District Hospital were:

- a. **Cancelled** 471
- b. **Postponed** N/A
- c. **Rescheduled** N/A

16. How many patients are currently waiting for elective surgeries at Alice Springs Hospital that are:

- a. **Category 1** 249
- b. **Category 2** 603
- c. **Category 3** 221

17. What is the current wait time for elective surgery at Alice Springs Hospital for:

- a. **Category 1** Average time on wait list = 46.2 days
- b. **Category 2** Average time on wait list = 196 days
- c. **Category 3** Average time on wait list = 399 days

18. Since 1 April 2023, how many elective surgeries at Alice Springs Hospital were:

- a. **Cancelled** 856
- b. **Postponed** 1158
- c. **Rescheduled** 302