

Estimates Committee 2004 Questions Taken On Notice

(22/06/2004 to 01/10/2004)

Date: 23/06/2004 Output: 1 Acute Services
Sub Output: 1.1 Admitted Patient Services

Subject: Deferred Procedures and Evacuated Patients as a Result of Unavailability of Anaesthetist

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Question:

With regard to both the Royal Darwin Hospital and the Alice Springs Hospital, how many surgical cases were deferred because of the lack of an anaesthetist?

Please advise on the number of deferred cases in radiology and any other procedure that requires general anaesthetic that could not be provided because of lack of anaesthetists and the numbers of evacuation of patients out of Alice Springs or Darwin because of the lack of anaesthetic services in those areas.

Answer:

Answered On: 23/06/2004

Answer: Royal Darwin Hospital:

- No elective surgery cases were deferred due to the unavailability of an anaesthetist
- There were 4676 elective surgery operations conducted during the year to 31 May 2004
- No radiology cases were deferred due to the unavailability of an anaesthetist
- No cases were evacuated interstate due to the unavailability of an anaesthetist.

Alice Springs Hospital:

- No radiology cases were deferred due to the unavailability of an anaesthetist
- No cases were evacuated interstate due to the unavailability of an anaesthetist.