

Question No : 359

Question : Waiting Period for Elective Surgery

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To : MINISTER for HEALTH and COMMUNITY SERVICES

The following figures for patients awaiting elective surgery were quoted in the answer provided to Written Question 214 on 6 September 1993 -

plastic surgery		18
orthopaedics	144	
general	201	
hand surgery	7	
gynaecology		185
ophthalmology	47	
ear, nose and throat	101	
Total	703.	

1. What is the current waiting time for elective surgery in terms of the number of patients in each of the above categories.
2. What is the average waiting time for elective surgery in each of the above categories.
3. Are any actions being taken to reduce the waiting list and the waiting time; if so, what are they.