

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	1,304*
b. Category 2	2,507*
c. Category 3	2,744*

**Some patients are listed on the elective surgery list at more than 1 hospital*

2. **Across all Northern Territory hospitals, what is the current elective surgery wait time for:**

a. Category 1	26 average days on current list
b. Category 2	205 average days on current list
c. Category 3	438 average days on current list

3. **Since 1 April 2022, how many elective surgeries across all Northern Territory hospitals were:**

a. Cancelled	5,764
b. Postponed	NA
c. Rescheduled	2,871

Reporting definitions

Cancelled – patients who have had elective surgery cancelled for a range of reasons* and a new date has not yet been scheduled at the time of reporting.

*Cancellation reasons can include: patient declined care or received surgery privately or interstate; increased emergency surgery lists or limited hospital bed capacity; visiting surgeon unavailability due to travel delays; limited workforce due to leave requirements.

Postponed - not applicable as a reporting category.

Rescheduled – patient has been given a new date for elective surgery.

4. **How many patients are currently waiting for elective surgeries at Royal Darwin Hospital that are:**

a. Category 1	514
b. Category 2	999
c. Category 3	988

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

a. Category 1	23 average days on current list
b. Category 2	276 average days on current list
c. Category 3	518 average days on current list

6. **Since 1 April 2022, how many elective surgeries at Royal Darwin Hospital were:**

a. Cancelled	2,366
b. Postponed	NA
c. Rescheduled	1,865

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

a. Category 1	443
b. Category 2	483
c. Category 3	822

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

a. Category 1	30 average days on current list
b. Category 2	69 average days on current list
c. Category 3	274 average days on current list

9. **Since 1 April 2022, how many elective surgeries at Palmerston Regional Hospital were:**

a. Cancelled	1,916
b. Postponed	NA
c. Rescheduled	318

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

a. Category 1	21
b. Category 2	122
c. Category 3	133

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

a. Category 1	No data due to Acacia system rollout
b. Category 2	No data due to Acacia system rollout
c. Category 3	No data due to Acacia system rollout

12. **Since 1 April 2022, how many elective surgeries at Katherine Hospital were:**

a. Cancelled	No data due to Acacia system rollout
b. Postponed	NA
c. Rescheduled	No data due to Acacia system rollout

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

a. Category 1	37
b. Category 2	110
c. Category 3	125

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

a. Category 1	44 average days on current list
b. Category 2	124 average days on current list
c. Category 3	281 average days on current list

- 15. Since 1 April 2022, how many elective surgeries at Gove District Hospital were:**

a. Cancelled	353
b. Postponed	NA
c. Rescheduled	319

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

a. Category 1	304
b. Category 2	806
c. Category 3	676

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

a. Category 1	19 average days on current list
b. Category 2	185 average days on current list
c. Category 3	519 average days on current list

- 18. Since 1 April 2022, how many elective surgeries at Alice Springs Hospital were:**

a. Cancelled	1,129
b. Postponed	NA
c. Rescheduled	369