

## **Estimates Committee 2005**

### **Questions Taken On Notice**

( 23/06/2005 to 01/10/2005 )

Date: 06/07/2005

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Subject: Deferred cases of Radiology

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Minister for Health

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**Question:**

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

As well, please detail the number of patients that have now been catered for, now that there are anaesthetists on staff.

**Answer:**

Answered On: 05/07/2005

Answer: PART: No patients evacuated from Alice Springs Hospital as a result of a lack of anaesthetists.

6/7/05 - Data on deferred cases of radiology at Alice Springs Hospital is not available from the information system. A time and resource intensive manual count would need to be performed to obtain the numbers. However, it is estimated that it would be a maximum of 20 cases, with the majority being children who would have had cases deferred in relation to radiology. This is because children require specialist paediatric anaesthetist care where an anaesthetic is required.

No such deferrals occurred at Royal Darwin Hospital due to lack of anaesthetists.

There were no evacuations from Royal Darwin Hospital of Alice Springs Hospital due to lack of anaesthetists.