

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Yan to the Minister for Health:

Elective Surgeries

- 1. How many patients are currently waiting for elective surgeries, by category, at Royal Darwin Hospital*?**

As at 24 November 2021:

Category 1	246
Category 2	1014
Category 3	1178

- 2. How long, on average, are patients waiting for elective surgery at Royal Darwin Hospital, by category and month in 2021?**

As at 24 November 2021:

Category 1	wait time is between 1 and 3 months
Category 2	wait time is between 6 and 9 months
Category 3	wait time is between 2 and 3 years

Note: This is variable depending on specialties.
Data provided are the average wait time a combination of all specialties

- 3. How many elective surgeries were cancelled, postponed, rescheduled or otherwise altered in 2021 across the Northern Territory*? Can these please be broken down by category, hospital and region?**

From 1 January to 24 November 2021:

Location	No. of bookings	No. of Cancellations	No. of reschedules
RDH	8980	3788	2907
PRH	6055	2385	656
KH	978	485	243
GDH	1081	591	267
ASH	4807	2056	628

Note: elective surgery is not undertaken at Tennant Creek Hospital

To further break down each of these to category is too administratively onerous and would result in undue diversion of resources from service delivery.

4. How many elective surgeries were cancelled, postponed, rescheduled or otherwise altered as a result of the code yellow events at Royal Darwin Hospital in 2021?

From 1 January to 24 November 2021, 35 surgeries were deferred due to Code Yellows at RDH.

*Data source for all hospitals: CareSys at 24 November 2021.