

Estimates Committee 2003

Questions Taken On Notice

(01/10/2002 to 01/10/2004)

Date: 06/27/2003 Output:
Sub Output:
Subject: Number of non-urgent cases in Alice Springs

From: Ms CARTER to Honourable Jane AAGAARD
Minister for Health and Community Services

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Question: Could the Minister, provide advice as to how many non-urgent cases in Alice Springs had to be put on hold earlier this year?

Answer:
Answered On: 06/27/2003
Answer: Response received electronically

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(24/06/03 to 27/06/03)

Date: 26/06/03

Number: 7.1

Question: **Could you advise how many non-urgent cases in Alice Springs had to be put on hold earlier this year?**

Answer:

Nil.

Background

During the period 31/03/2003 – 05/05/2003 there was a predicted slow down in elective surgery due to the following factors:

- School Holidays
- Easter
- ANZAC Day
- May Day
- Anaesthetists going on leave

Bookings for elective surgery were adjusted accordingly so that no patient was postponed during this period or cancelled.

Any lengthening of waiting time that may have been necessary because of the above, did not compromise the patient's clinical status.

All urgent elective surgery cases (ie. Requiring surgery within 30 days) were treated as booked).