

HOSPITALS, WAITING LISTS

120. Mr BOARD to the Minister for Health:

- (1) Will the minister advise what the current number of people that are on the waiting list for both elective and non-elective surgery (in the various categories) for our public hospitals?
- (2) How does this figure compare with the position of 12 months ago in regard to the number of people awaiting elective and non-elective surgery?

Mr KUCERA replied:

- (1) There are no waiting lists for non-elective surgery, by definition non-elective indicates that the surgery is unplanned and therefore the patients are not wait listed. As at 30 April 2001 there were the following numbers on the elective surgery waiting lists -

Teaching Hospitals

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| Category 1 | 490 |
| Category 2 | 1 897 |
| Category 3 | 7 845 |
| Total | 10 232 |

Non-Teaching Hospitals

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| Category 1 | 78 |
| Category 2 | 1 114 |
| Category 3 | 4 238 |
| Total | 5 430 |

- (2) As at 30 April 2000 there were the following numbers on the elective surgery waiting lists -

Teaching Hospitals

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|------------|--------|
| Category 1 | 434 |
| Category 2 | 1 506 |
| Category 3 | 7 743 |
| Total | 10 683 |

Non-Teaching Hospitals

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|------------|-------|
| Category 1 | 183 |
| Category 2 | 1 314 |
| Category 3 | 4 481 |
| Total | 5 978 |