

PUBLIC HOSPITALS - SURGERY STATISTICS

2157. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Health

- (1) How many surgeries were carried out for each quarter of the following financial years -
 - (a) 2004-2005;
 - (b) 2005-2006; and
 - (c) 2006-2007?
- (2) How many people have been removed from the all categories of the surgery waiting list without having surgery carried out in the following years -
 - (a) 2004-2005;
 - (b) 2005-2006;
 - (c) 2006-2007 (year to date)?
- (3) How many people removed from the waiting list have been directed back to General Practitioners for reassessment for a position on the waiting list?

Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

- (1) [See paper 2652.]
- (2) Reasons for removals without surgery include procedure no longer required, declined or no longer performed; patient unfit for procedure or deceased; and change of patient status, database audit or duplicate entry. The figures exclude counts of removals due to transfer to another hospital.

Year	Wait list removals without surgery at WA metropolitan public hospitals (excluding JHC & PHC) ^(a)	Wait list removals without surgery at WA country public hospitals	Total
2004-2005	5,091	846	5,937
2005-2006	6,122	1,171	7,293
July 2006- March 2007	4,252	1,309	5,563

Source: TOPAS Monthly Wait List Extracts, A&PRD; and Elective Surgery Waiting List Data collection, Health Data Collections, ICAM.

- (a) Removals by reason data for Joondalup and Peel Health Campuses not available.
- (3) In line with the Department of Health Elective Surgery Access Policy - Public and Private Patients, where a patient is removed from the wait list, they are advised by letter to contact their specialist, general practitioner (GP) and/or the Outpatient Clinic if they require further treatment.

The Department of Health does not keep records on whether patients who are contacted by letter subsequently see their general practitioner.