

HOSPITALS - WAITING LISTS

1745. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Health

- (1) How many patients were removed from tertiary and non-tertiary waiting lists between -
  - (a) 1 January 1999 to 31 December 2004;
  - (b) 1 January 2000 to 31 December 2005; and
  - (c) 1 January 2001 and 31 December (or nearest available date) 2006?
- (2) How many elective surgery wait-list procedures were undertaken at the privately-managed public hospitals in each of the calendar years -
  - (a) 2002;
  - (b) 2003;
  - (c) 2004;
  - (d) 2005; and
  - (e) 2006?
- (3) How many patients were on the elective surgery waiting lists on 1 January -
  - (a) 2004;
  - (b) 2005; and
  - (c) 2006?
- (4) How many patients were waiting to be assessed to go on to the waiting lists in the past -
  - (a) 12 months; and
  - (b) 24 months?

Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

- (1) "Removals" include admission to hospital for surgery, procedure no longer required, patient non-contactable, change of patient status or database audit. Excludes removals due to transfer to another hospital. The numbers of removals from metropolitan tertiary & non-tertiary public hospital waitlists are:

| Full Year | Total removals Metropolitan Public Tertiary & Non-tertiary Hospitals | Admissions to hospital for surgery from the elective surgery wait list (metropolitan Public Tertiary & Non-tertiary Hospitals) | Other removals (metropolitan Public Tertiary & Non-tertiary Hospitals) | Total removals JHC & PHC (d) | Total  |
|-----------|--|--|--|------------------------------|--------|
| 1999      | 63,170 (a)   | 52,276 (b)   | 10,894 (a)   | not available                | NA     |
| 2000      | 57,310 (c)   | 48,807   | 8,503 (c)  | not available                | NA     |
| 2001      | 53,747 (c)   | 45,782   | 7,965 (c)  | not available                | NA     |
| 2002      | 55,150   | 47,782   | 7,368  | not available                | NA     |
| 2003      | 54,473   | 47,387   | 7,086  | not available                | NA     |
| 2004      | 56,086   | 47,297   | 8,789  | not available                | NA     |
| 2005      | 57,158   | 49,206   | 7,952  | 10,158                       | 67,316 |
| 2006      | 58,145   | 48,723   | 9,422  | 8,798                        | 66,943 |

Notes

Data for the full year of 1999 is estimated from available records for July - December 1999, and subtracting estimated number of removals due to transfer to another hospital.

- (a) Data for the full year of 1999 is estimated from available records for July - December 1999.
- (b) Data for 2000 and 2001 is estimated from actual data for January-December and subtracting the estimated number of removals due transfer to another hospital.

Data from PHC and JHC during 1999-2004 was not provided in AIHW reportable categories.

- (2) The number of elective surgery wait-list procedures undertaken at the privately-managed public hospitals are:

| Year  | 2002  | 2003  | 2004  | 2005  | 2006  |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Total | 8,067 | 7,982 | 8,719 | 9,475 | 7,577 |

Note: Data for Peel Health Campus for 2002-2005 has been estimated.

Number of cases on metropolitan, Joondalup and Peel public hospital elective surgery waitlists:

- (a) 1 January 2004: 18,153\*
- (b) 1 January 2005: 17,470
- (c) 1 January 2006: 16,802
- (d) 1 January 2007: 15,242

\* Summary figure reported in 2004 based on old reporting guidelines. As JHC/PHC patient level data is unavailable for that period, it is not possible to report a figure for that period under new reporting guidelines.

The data are for metropolitan public hospitals. Joondalup and Peel public hospitals do not have surgical outpatient clinics. Not all patients will then be referred for elective surgery, with some for example discharged or referred back to their medical practitioner.

Data in 4(a) and 4(b) are for surgical outpatient referrals with no appointments.

- (a) As at November 2006: 15,961
- (b) As at November 2005: 24,697

Source : TOPAS outpatients databases.