

PUBLIC HOSPITALS - SURGERY STATISTICS

2154. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Health

- (1) How many patients were removed from tertiary and non-tertiary waiting lists without having had their surgery between -
- (a) 1 January 1999 to 31 December 2004;
 - (b) 1 January 2000 to 31 December 2005;
 - (c) 1 January 2001 to 31 December (or nearest available date) 2006; and
 - (d) 1 January 2007 to 31 March 2007 (or nearest date)?
- (2) How many patients have been sent back to General Practitioners for reassessments?

Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

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

Surgical [excluding Ambulatory Surgery Initiative (ASI)] separations include reportable elective wait list, other elective and emergency surgical separations.

Year	Wait list removals without surgery at WA (metropolitan & country) public hospitals (<i>excluding</i> JHC & PHC) ^(a)	Surgical (non ASI) separations (elective wait list, elective non wait list and emergency) from WA (metro & country) public hospitals (<i>including</i> public cases at JHC & PHC) ^{(c)(d)}
1999	6,784(b)	na
2000	6,493	98,550(e)
2001	7,144	93,698
2002	5,791	95,621
2003	5,552	95,895
2004	7,146	97,699
2005	6,149	102,271
2006	7,684	100,051
1 Jan - 31 Mar '07	1,757	na

Sources: Removals: Elective Surgery Waiting List Data collection, Health Data Collections, ICAM; and TOPAS Monthly Wait List Extracts, A&PRD. Surgical separations: WA Hospital Morbidity Data System, ICAM.

Notes:

- (a) Removals by reason data not available for Joondalup and Peel Health Campuses.
 - (b) Data for the full year of 1999 is estimated from available records for July - December 1999.
 - (c) Peel Health Campus figures for elective separations prior to October 2004 have been adjusted due to incorrect reporting of admission status classification.
 - (d) Excludes unqualified newborns, boarders, posthumous organ procurements, aged care residents, funding hospital (duplicate) and Ambulatory Surgery Initiative patients.
 - (e) Data for the full year of 2000 is estimated from available records for July - December 2000.
 - (f) na = not available
- (2) 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.