

## Right to Information Decision – Public Disclosure Log

### Right to Information No.: RTI201516-131

#### Information Requested

- 1 The number of procedures overall performed on public patients by private providers.
- 2 The number of elective surgeries performed on public patients by private providers.
- 3 The number of elective surgeries performed by each of the five members of the panel of private surgery providers announced in September.
- 4 The types of procedures that have been purchased from the private providers on the panel.
- 5 The total amount each panel member has received from performing procedures on Tasmanian public patients.
- 6 The number of elective surgeries performed at each of the Royal Hobart Hospital, Launceston General Hospital, Mersey Hospital, and North West Regional Hospital.

Timeframe: Questions 1 and 2 (2013-14 to date); remaining questions since the Panel was established.

#### Decision and Statement of Reasons

- 1 **The number of procedures overall performed on public patients by private providers.**

<b>Number of procedures performed on public patients provided by private providers</b>	
For period 2013 – 2014	1 418
For period 2014 – 2015	2 764
For period 2015 – 2016	4 258
<b>Total for 3 periods</b>	<b>8 440</b>

- 2 **The number of elective surgeries performed on public patients by private providers.**

<b>Number of elective surgeries performed on public patients by private providers</b>	
For period 2013 – 2014	1 010
For period 2014 – 2015	1 615
For period 2015 – 2016	3 459
<b>Total for 3 periods</b>	<b>6 084</b>

**3 The number of elective surgeries performed by each of the five members of the panel of private surgery providers announced in September.**

<b>Panel Contractors</b>	<b>Number of patients treated by Panel since 1 October 2015 at 30 June 2016</b>
Calvary Health Care Tasmania	238
Epworth HealthCare	65
Healthecare Burnie	180
Healthscope Operations	367
Hobart Day Surgery	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>850</b>

**4 The types of procedures that have been purchased from the private providers on the panel.**

The following procedures are an indicator but not the definitive list of final procedures and sub-procedures provided by the Panel. Variation will occur following some patients' pre-operative consultation and recommendations from the treating surgeon:

Abdominoplasty; Anal/Peri-Anal procedures; amputation limb/digits; Anterior/Posterior Repair; Arthrodesis (Joint Fusion) of any joint; Arthroplasty (Joint replacement – other than hip or knee); Arthroscopy (of any joint); Biopsy Cervix; Bladder Suspension surgery; Bowel Resection; Breast reduction Reconstruction (non-cosmetic); Breast Lesion Excision; Bursa (excision of); Carpal Tunnel; Cholecystectomy Open or Laparoscopic; Circumcision Adult; Cruciate Repair; Cystectomy; Cystoscopy; Gastrointestinal surgery (Upper); Endometrial Ablation; Epididymis surgery; Haemorrhoidectomy; Hernia Repair other (excludes inguinal); Hydrocele; Hysterectomy; Hysteroscopy; Inguinal Hernia Adult; Inguinal Hernia other; Laminectomy; Laparoscopy; Lap Banding; Lesion Excision; Lithotripsy; Mastectomy; Mastoidectomy; Myringotomy & Tubes; Nephrectomy; ORIF (non-emergency); Osteotomies; Other ENT surgery; Other Faciomaxillary surgery; Other Orthopaedic; Other Plastic surgery; other Urology surgery; Ovary operations; Parathyroidectomy; Peripheral Nerve Decompression; R/O Fixation Devices – external or internal; Septoplasty; Sinus surgery; Skin Grafts; Spinal Fusion; Sterilisation (LOT); Stoma Reversal; Thumb surgery; Thyroidectomy; Total Hip replacement; Total Knee Replacement; Tonsillectomy Adult; TURP; Urinary Stone surgery and Vasectomy.

**5 The total amount each panel member has received from performing procedures on Tasmanian public patients.**

<b>Panel Contractors</b>	<b>Payment to Panel members October 2015 at 30 June 2016</b>
Calvary Health Care Tasmania	\$1 036 498
Epworth HealthCare	
Healthecare Burnie	\$ 3 656 600
Healthscope Operations	\$ 171 026
Hobart Day Surgery	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4 864 412</b>

Background for this table includes a hidden lag in payment for some Panel members. This relates to the timing of the Orders within the defined RTI period and a robust invoicing process for joint DHHS and Tasmanian Health Service Orders. The payment for these joint orders is triggered after patients have been discharged from the contractor's care. Complete patient medical records are returned to the referring hospitals and preliminary Tasmanian Health Service internal funding coding is completed.

**6 The number of elective surgeries performed at each of the Royal Hobart Hospital, Launceston General Hospital, Mersey Hospital, and North West Regional Hospital.**

<b>The count of elective surgeries completed within a Public Hospital from 1 October 2015 – 30 June 2016.</b>	
<b>Hospitals</b>	<b>Sum of count of discharged patients</b>
Royal Hobart Hospital	4043
Launceston General Hospital	4212
Mersey Community Hospital	1584
North West Regional Hospital	1285
<b>Total</b>	<b>11124</b>