



Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021 ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE 2 March 2022

Asked by **MS CASTLEY** on 2 MARCH 2022: **MINISTER STEPHEN-SMITH** took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

Figures on the cost for elective broken down into type, as you just mentioned Minister? And so the common types. Are we able to get a table of that? So the cost of elective surgery? The different types?

RACHEL STEPHEN-SMITH MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

Table 2 outlines elective surgery specialties, the cost and the most common indicated.

Specialty	Cost of DRG
Otolaryngology, head and neck surgery	\$4,351
General surgery *	\$6,252
Gynaecology surgery	\$2,854
Neurosurgery	\$24,187
Ophthalmology surgery *	\$3,030
Orthopaedic surgery *	\$19,117
Plastic and reconstructive surgery	\$2,802
Urological surgery *	\$1,379
Vascular surgery	\$8,412
Paediatric surgery	\$3,902
Cardiac surgery	\$41,292
Thoracic surgery	\$19,443

* Four most common types of elective surgery

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Points to note:

- Costs are based on Independent Hospital Pricing Authority (IPHA) report Round 23 Public Sector Costs Acute Cost weights V10: DRG Costs for commonest operations/specialty 2018-19.
- Current costings for 2020-21 have not been released by IPHA.
- The ACT receives payment for interstate patients from the resident's jurisdiction.
- These are Nationally averaged costs, and indicative only.

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By the Minister for Health, Rachel Stephen-Smith