

Surgery Category Assessment

Ms ROSOL question to MINISTER for HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH and WELLBEING

My question is on behalf of my constituent, Diane, known as Wendy Moon. Wendy needs a hip replacement; she can't stand for more than two minutes and can only walk a few steps with assistance. She can't shop, cook or get out and do the hobbies she previously enjoyed. Meanwhile, her partner has had to reduce their work hours to care for her. Wendy has been assessed as category 3, the least-urgent wait category, despite her significant debilitation. Wendy's GP has attempted to have this category reviewed, but was not successful. Wendy asks: why has she been assessed as category 3 when she can barely move and her broader health and mental health is at risk? Why is it not considered more urgent that she is restricted to her house? Why can't she get her surgery in a timeframe that matches the seriousness of her situation?