

King Island – Access to Health Services

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

My question is from my constituent on King Island, who states that the upcoming reduction in flight services to King Island from 1 May, including the removal of the Monday afternoon service to Burnie, will have a direct and detrimental impact on patients requiring time-sensitive healthcare. Patients who require pathology on a Monday prior to a treatment will now be forced to travel earlier, wait on the mainland for results and potentially face treatment delays or cancellations depending on those results as a consequence of this reduction in air services to the island. What actions is the government taking to ensure access to off-island health services and to allay the concerns of chemotherapy patients on the island?