

## Cancer Surgery Cancellations

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

My question is on behalf of my constituent Scott. Scott has had chemotherapy and radiation for bowel cancer; this reduced the tumour size so it could be removed. He should have had the follow-up surgery within 10 weeks of the end of radiation. It's now 13 weeks since radiation finished and Scott's surgery has been cancelled three times, twice for administrative reasons and once due to lack of staff in ICU, which he needs for post-operative care. He is stressed and worried about his next surgery date. As well as this, he was transferred from one Holman Clinic caseworker to another and has not been contacted since. He is missing the care he previously received. Scott also told me this morning he is devastated the stadium will be approved while he isn't even sure if his surgery will go ahead. Scott asks why lack of staff has been allowed to prevent his time-critical surgery and why have you prioritised a stadium over staffing to enable his essential surgery?