

Paediatric Endocrinologist Appointment Availability

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

Fiona is a constituent of Clark, and her 7-year-old daughter Emily lives with ketoacidosis, a condition that is accompanied by rapid onset of symptoms that can lead to severe ill health or death. Ketoacidosis is associated with diabetes, but for a definite diagnosis Emily needs to see a paediatric endocrinologist, who is only available in Tasmania through the public health system. Despite Emily's paediatrician strongly advocating for Emily to see a paediatric endocrinologist, all requests for an appointment have been refused. Emily's condition means she misses a lot of school and is constantly lethargic and drowsy, which I am sure you agree is not much fun for a 7-year-old. Fiona would like to know why Emily is unable to obtain an appointment with a paediatric endocrinologist.