



Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee

Hospital and Health Boards (Safe Nurse-to-Patient and Midwife-to-Patient Ratios) Amendment Bill 2015

The Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee is holding public hearings into the above Bill.

On 2 December 2015 the Hon Cameron Dick MP, the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services, introduced the Bill into the Queensland Parliament.

The Committee called for submissions from all interested parties with a closing date of 12 February. Eighteen submission were received and are available to view on the committee's inquiry web page under the "view submissions" tab.

The main objective of the Bill is to establish a legislative framework to ensure safe nursing and midwifery staff numbers and improve patient outcomes, through mandating nurse-to-patient and midwife-to-patient ratios and workload provisions in public sector health service facilities.

Departmental officers provided further information to the Committee on Wednesday 17 February in Brisbane. A transcript is available on the inquiry webpage.

The Committee is to report on the Bill by Friday 29 April 2016.

Public Hearings

Townsville

The Ville Resort-Casino,
Coral Sea Room,
Sir Leslie Drive
Tuesday 8 March 2016
12.30pm – 1.30pm

Cairns

Pullman Reef Casino Hotel,
The Reef Room,
35-41 Wharf Street
Wednesday 9 March 2016
9.45am – 10.45am

Gladstone

Rydges Gladstone,
100 Goondoon Street
Thursday 10 March 2016
1.45pm – 2.45pm

Any persons interested in appearing at these hearings are invited to register with the Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee's secretariat by phoning 07 3353 6626 or emailing hcdfsdfvpc@parliament.qld.gov.au.

All members of the community with an interest in nursing, hospital staffing and issues that affect patient safety are welcome to attend the public hearings to observe proceedings.

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