

Question on Notice
No. 1066
Asked on 28 September 2004

MS NELSON-CARR asked the Minister for Health (MR NUTTALL)-

QUESTION:

With reference to my understanding that the Government has announced the appointment of Queensland's first Chief Nursing Advisor—

What role will the position take in supporting the further development of nursing in this State?

ANSWER:

The Government values the vital role nurses play in our world class health system and is committed to recruiting nurses and providing them with better skills and career paths.

The appointment of the position of Chief Nursing Advisor will support the Government's commitment and further improve the status of the nursing profession.

The Government recognizes the importance of nursing leadership by providing direct access by the Chief Nursing Advisor to the Director-General and Minister on strategic issues regarding the needs of the nursing profession into the future.

The position of Chief Nursing Advisor is the first of its kind in Australia to represent issues that are common to the public and private sectors.

The Chief Nursing Advisor will advance the nursing profession through a range of consultation and negotiation forums state wide with nurses, employers, and Government representatives.