

**Question on Notice
No. 1070
Asked on 28 September 2004**

DR FLEGG asked the Minister for Health (MR NUTTALL)-

QUESTION:

Of the mothers who gave birth in Queensland public hospitals, how many gave birth via (reported separately) (a) planned caesarean, (b) vaginal birth and (c) emergency caesareans for each of 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 (reported separately)?

ANSWER:

There are no nationally accepted definitions for the terms of planned or emergency caesareans and data are not collected in this format. The nationally accepted format for further describing caesareans is with 'labour' and 'no labour'.

Births, by Method of Delivery and Onset of Labour, Public Hospitals, Queensland

Source: Perinatal Data Collection, Queensland Health (extracted MV 30/9/04)

Method of Delivery	Onset of Labour	2001/2002	2002/2003p.	2003/2004p.
Vaginal	Labour	25,530	25,227	25,842
	Not stated/unknown	1	5	7
	Total	25,531	25,232	25,849
Caesarean Section	Labour	3,648	3,931	4,062
	No labour	4,298	4,563	4,715
	Not stated/unknown	-	-	5
	Total	7,946	8,494	8,782
TOTAL		33,477	33,726	34,631

p. preliminary data, subject to change