

Question on Notice
No.1089
Asked on 28 September 2004

MR KNUTH asked the Minister for Health (MR NUTTALL) –

QUESTION:

For each of the last two financial years and for the year to date, what is the number of golden staph infections reported in each public hospital (reported separately)?

ANSWER:

Golden staph is commonly carried in the nose and on the skin of people in the community. People with drug resistant strains of this infection are treated in our hospitals.

Golden staph is not a notifiable disease in Queensland and no central repository of numbers of reported infections is kept.

Definition of cases can be very complex with high levels of clinical expertise required. The information gathered and recorded by hospitals with respect to infection is held at the local level and is only of significance to the individual facility's clinicians. Any comparative collection of this information for statistical use would be misleading and clinically inappropriate.