

Question on Notice
No.157
Asked on 22 April 2004

MR MESSENGER asked the Minister for Health (MR NUTTALL)-

QUESTION:

- (1) How many health professionals have been suspended on full pay from the Bundaberg and District Health Service in the last three years?
- (2) What period of time was each suspension?

ANSWER:

- (1) Out of approximately 500 staff employed within the Bundaberg Health Service District five health professionals have been suspended on full pay since July 2000.
- (2) The period of time for each suspension was 560 days, 700 days, 280 days, 203 days and 41 days respectively.

Investigations into health professionals are often carried out by bodies external to Queensland Health, such bodies include the Queensland Nursing Council and the Queensland Medical Board. As these bodies are independent of Queensland Health investigation timelines are not controlled by the Department.