

Question on Notice
No.169
Asked on 22 April 2004

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

QUESTION:

With reference to magnificent maternity facilities at Beaudesert Hospital which, at present, are not being used—

What does he intend to do with these facilities?

ANSWER:

Use of the facilities is linked to the District Health Services' capacity to recruit sufficient appropriately skilled staff (particularly medical staff), to provide a quality, safe obstetric service.

Recent intensive recruitment campaigns have not been successful in recruiting appropriate staff to re-commence an obstetric service at Beaudesert Hospital.

The District Health Service is conducting a review of the model of care which will involve community consultation. The future use of the maternity facilities will form part of the review process.