

Question on Notice
No. 845
Asked on 18 August 2004

MR QUINN asked the Minister for Health (MR NUTTALL)—

QUESTION:

Will he detail the number of specialist training positions in the Queensland public hospitals (by specialty) that were available in 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04?

ANSWER:

The number of specialist training positions varies as trainees enter and complete training programs throughout the year. Provision of retrospective data would therefore require considerable effort to analyse records. However, the following provides an indication of the number of training positions Queensland Health has in each specialty for 2004 i.e. 895 positions in 42 specialist areas as detailed below:

SPECIALTY	NUMBER OF TRAINING POSITIONS FOR 2004
Anaesthetics	120
Cardiology	8
Cardiothoracic surgery	5
Clinical pharmacology	1
Dermatology	11
Emergency Medicine	97
Endocrinology	7
ENT - Otolaryngology	11.5
Gastroenterology	9
General Medicine	108
General Surgery	46
Geriatrics	10
Haematology	2
Immunology	1
Infectious Diseases	4
Intensive Care	32
Maxillofacial	3
Medical Administration	7
Medical Oncology	7
Neurology	3
Neurosurgery	3
Nuclear Medicine	2
Obstetrics & Gynaecology	60

SPECIALTY	NUMBER OF TRAINING POSITIONS FOR 2004
Ophthalmology	12
Orthopaedics	29.5
Paediatric Medicine	79
Paediatric Surgery	2
Palliative Care	2
Pathology - Anatomical	16
Pathology - Chemical	2
Pathology - Microbiology	3
Plastic Surgery	6
Psychiatry	112
Public Health	3
Radiation Oncology	6
Radiology	36
Rehabilitation	5
Renal Medicine	3
Respiratory Medicine	7
Rheumatology	2
Urology	9
Vascular Surgery	3
TOTAL	895

All this training occurs exclusively in the public sector.