

Question on Notice
No. 984
Asked on 1 September 2004

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the State Government's initiative to provide meningococcal vaccination to Queensland students –

- (1) Has the program been successful?
- (2) How many students in the Greenslopes Electorate have been inoculated since the program began?

ANSWER:

- (1) Data analysed to date for the school program identifies vaccination coverage of approximately 69-70% across the State. This does not include privately purchased vaccine. Further progress is expected by the implementation of a mop-up program in 2005 that will offer free meningococcal C vaccination to all students who missed vaccination as part of the school program.

The program is being progressively implemented over the period 2003-2006. Success of the overall program will be determined after all cohorts eligible in this program have been offered vaccination.

- (3) Vaccination data is routinely analysed by State, Zone, and/or Health Service District boundaries. The Greenslopes Electorate falls within the QEII Health Service District.

Data for the 2003 secondary school program is available, and QEII Health Service District vaccinated 29,394 students (which is approximately 71% of the eligible cohort in this District).