

**Question on Notice
No. 422
Asked on 24 March 2005**

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

QUESTION:

Will he advise if the outsourcing of dental services by the Caboolture Dental Clinic for emergency treatment has been effective?

ANSWER:

All clients requiring emergency dental treatment at the Caboolture Dental Clinic are seen within 24 hours. Emergency dental treatment is defined as those clients who have suffered trauma, swelling, haemorrhage or infection.

The extra funding committed to the Oral Health Service has enabled the Caboolture Dental Clinic to outsource 534 clients requiring urgent dental treatment since August 2004. It has also enabled the Caboolture Dental Clinic to operate evening and Saturday morning sessions, providing both urgent and general dental care, effectively giving the residents of Caboolture a six day a week service.