

**Question on Notice
No. 489
Asked on 19 April 2005**

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

QUESTION:

- (1) What is the number of overseas trained doctors that have been the subject of complaint (by district) during 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date (reported separately) and what action was taken in each instance?
- (2) How many overseas trained doctors were under investigation by the Queensland Medical Board and/or dismissed by Queensland Health during 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date (reported separately)?

ANSWER:

- (1) Queensland Health does not routinely collect the requested data centrally, so collation and provision of the figures would divert Queensland Health staff from their duties providing and supporting district health services for Queenslanders.
- (2) In 03/04 Queensland Medical Board (QMB) received 232 complaints about all doctors.

The QMB is currently undertaking a procurement process for the design and development of an IT process which will allow for ready access to this data in the future.

The Medical Board has advised that assembling such statistical data from the paper files would be far too resource intensive for the Board to undertake, and is therefore not available.

It is not possible to identify to the number of overseas trained doctors who have been dismissed from Queensland Health as this differentiation is not recorded by the human resource systems used by the department.