

**Question on Notice  
No. 603  
Asked on 10 May 2005**

MRS E CUNNINGHAM asked the Minister for Health (MR NUTTALL)-

**QUESTION:**

With reference to the Gladstone Base Hospital—

- (1) How many overseas trained doctors were employed for the years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05?
- (2) How many left on the basis of performance for each of those periods?

**ANSWER:**

The following figures for overseas trained doctors at Gladstone Hospital do not include those doctors who had achieved approved Australian qualifications prior to their employment with the Hospital. Also not included in these figures are overseas trained doctors employed by Brisbane Hospitals who were rotated through Gladstone Hospital to provide holiday relief for their doctors.

At the start of the 2002/03 financial year, Gladstone Hospital had 4 overseas trained doctors on staff. During that financial year 5 new doctors were employed and 5 left. During the 2003/04 financial year 4 new doctors were employed and 5 left. To date, in the current financial year 8 have been employed and 4 have left. This leaves a current staffing of 7 overseas trained doctors.

Of the doctors that left during the financial years 2002/03 and 2003/04, none left on the basis of performance. In the current financial year, one junior doctor who was employed on a short term contract (three months) did not have his contract renewed because of poor performance. The position remains vacant.