

**Question on Notice
No. 691
Asked on 12 May 2005**

MR HAYWARD asked the Minister for Health (Mr NUTTALL)-

QUESTION:

With reference to the number of complaints from residents living in multi-unit accommodation –

Will he consider extending the “No Smoking” rule that currently applies to the entrances of non-residential premises?

ANSWER:

The support for Queensland’s new tobacco laws has been overwhelming, and Queensland smokers are demonstrating that they are prepared to comply with the laws. Out of over 60,000 inspections of non-residential building entrances that have been conducted since 31 March, 99.8% of these have been found to be compliant.

Under the legislation, the smoking ban applies to all non-residential building entrances. During the development of the legislation, the Government very carefully considered how far the ban at building entrances should extend. As the interiors of residential premises have been and remain exempt from smoking bans, it was not considered sensible to ban smoking outside the entrances to these premises.

These exemptions also apply to multi-unit residential accommodation such as units, hostels, boarding houses, nursing homes, and motels. As these types of premises often contain very many residents, however, it is desirable for residents to be particularly sensitive to the health and comforts of their neighbours in considering where they smoke in the vicinity of these premises.