

**Question on Notice**  
**No.697**  
**Asked on 12 May 2005**

Mr MCNAMARA asked the Minister for Health (Mr Nuttall) –

**QUESTION:**

Will he advise how the people of Queensland have benefited from the \$1m provided for the Acquired Brain Injury Service based at the Princess Alexandra Hospital in Queensland's 2004-05 Budget?

**ANSWER:**

The Acquired Brain Injury Outreach Service (ABIOS) based at Princess Alexandra Hospital was previously funded by project funds from the Motor Accident Insurance Commission. Funding from this source has now ceased. To enable continuation of the services Queensland Health provided \$1.06 million recurrently commencing in 2004/05.

During 2004/05 there have been 214 new cases accepted into ABIOS, 173 cases closed and 221 active clients at the end of April, 2005.

The services provided during 2004/05 included the following:

- Direct service provision which is comprised of service coordination, building support networks and disability specific activities such as occupational therapy, physiotherapy, and psychology.
- Indirect Services such as consultation, research /evaluation and service management.
- Statewide Acquired Brain Injury Training - ABIOS has been able to provide training and workshops to staff and carers across the State on a range of topics related to the management of acquired brain injuries.
- Research - current ABIOS research initiatives include:
  - Designing and co-ordinating research into community based service delivery for people with ABI
  - Fostering the development of responsive services for people with ABI
  - Evaluation of ABIOS service delivery and reporting to key stakeholders.