

Question on Notice
No. 1327
Asked on 31 October 2006

MR KNUTH asked the Minister for Health (MR ROBERTSON)-

QUESTION:

With reference to the recent sale of the former psychiatric hospital, Mossman Hall at Charters Towers, to Hong Kong based businessman Les Bone, for approximately \$1m and as the former hospital is situated on 48 hectares of land and comprises eight buildings containing total floor space of more than 9,000 square metres-

- (1) When was Mossman Hall psychiatric hospital identified by Queensland Health as being surplus to its requirements and its status recorded as such on the Government Land Register?
- (2) What are the details of all valuations performed in respect of the property (including the entity which performed the valuation and the amount)?
- (3) What are the details of the conditions which applied to the tender for the sale of the property?

ANSWER:

- (1) The Mosman Hall psychiatric hospital was identified by Queensland Health as being surplus to requirements in September 2001. The property was declared surplus on the Government Land Register on 4 September 2001.
- (2) In accordance with usual practice one independent valuation was obtained for the property. A current market valuation was carried out on the property by valuers Taylor Byrne on 11 November 2005. The reserve price for the sale of this property (commercial – in confidence) was based on the market value as assessed within the valuation report.
- (3) The sale of the property was handled for Queensland Health by the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Water by a tendering process. The conditions of the tender process were standard and did not contain any unusual requirements.