

**Question on Notice  
No. 1339  
Asked on 1 November 2006**

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

**QUESTION:**

With reference to Question on Notice No. 2095 of 2005, will he detail (a) the number of full-time and part-time staff employed by Queensland Health in public affairs/communications/media liaison/graphic design and public relations positions for 2005-06 and 2006-07 (year-to-date) (reported separately by year, public hospital, Health District, Queensland Health head office and the State's overall figures) and (b) the total amount of wages/salaries paid to Queensland Health staff in public affairs/communications/media liaison/graphic design and public relations positions for 2005-06 and 2006-07 (year-to-date) (reported separately by year, public hospital, health district, Queensland Health head office and the State's overall figures)?

**ANSWER:**

- (a) The number of full-time and part-time communication staff, reported separately by location and program area, are detailed in Attachment 1. The figures include administration staff in some areas.

Only one Public Affairs position within Queensland Health is dedicated to handling media inquiries. All other positions have multi-purpose roles, including administration, patient relations, and internal communications. The majority of positions play major roles in public health education, especially in areas of chronic disease and preventative health education programs.

For the purposes of comparison, all positions have been calculated on a common single full-time equivalent basis.

- (b) The total amount of wages and salaries paid to communication staff by site and program area are detailed in Attachment 2. The figures include administration staff in some areas.

Information regarding the salaries of communications staff is not kept centrally, rather it is held in the individual site and program areas.

Attachment 1

Location/Program Area	2005-06	2006-07 YTD
Public Affairs CBD	14	14
Population Health (Public Health)	5	5
Clinical and State-wide Services (QHPSS)	2	1
Mental Health	1	0
Cairns	2	2
Townsville	3	2
Mackay	1	1
Rockhampton	0.64	1
Fraser Coast	1	1
Bundaberg	1	1
Redcliffe/Caboolture	0.50	1.10
Royal Brisbane and Women's	1.95	1.95
Royal Children's	2	2
Prince Charles	2	3
Princess Alexandra	3	3.50
West Moreton	1	1
Toowoomba	0.50	0.50
QE11	1	1
Logan/Beaudesert	3	1
Gold Coast	1	2
Bayside	1	1
Central Area Health Service	1.40	2.40
Southern Area Health Service	1	1
Northern Area Health Service	0.50	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50.49</b>	<b>50.45</b>

## Attachment 2

<b>Location/Program Area</b>	<b>2005-06</b>	<b>2006-07 YTD</b>
Public Affairs CBD	\$1,250,888	\$373,019
Population Health (Public)	\$328,717	\$86,847
Clinical and State-wide Services (QHPSS)	\$113,386	\$27,079
Mental Health	\$48,095	Nil
Cairns	\$150,121	\$57,045
Townsville	\$109,097	\$18,986
Mackay	\$2,232	\$20,414
Rockhampton	\$57,245	\$29,410
Fraser Coast	\$13,693	\$21,179
Bundaberg	\$47,653	\$27,783
Redcliffe/Caboolture	\$34,071	\$26,946
Royal Brisbane and Women's	\$123,000	\$35,000
Royal Children's	\$137,476	\$46,961
Prince Charles	\$104,493	\$50,129
Princess Alexandra	\$165,840	\$63,480
West Moreton	\$83,832	\$27,944
Toowoomba	\$38,200	\$12,733
QE11	\$72,857	\$24,285
Logan/Beaudesert	\$35,207	\$11,735
Gold Coast	\$85,624	\$86,990
Bayside	\$74,328	\$24,776
Central Area Health Service	\$78,813	\$44,903
Southern Area Health Service	\$92,467	\$30,822
Northern Area Health Service	\$81,157	\$28,964
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,328,492</b>	<b>\$1,177,430</b>