

**Question on Notice  
No. 1342  
Asked on 1 November 2006**

MRS CUNNINGHAM asked the Minister for Health (MR ROBERTSON)-

QUESTION:

With reference to an increase in the Health budget of 65 percent (Premier Beattie 1 November 2006 – Ministerial Statement)—

Will he provide information on proposed health spending at Gladstone Base Hospital for 2006-07 compared with 1998?

ANSWER:

The Gladstone Hospital's budget for the 2006/07 financial year is \$23,825,626. This is an increase of \$508,837 on the amount reported in my answer to Question on Notice No. 1289 and reflects Post Budget Adjustments in October 2006.

Records indicate that the budget for the Gladstone Health Service District for the financial year 1997/98 was \$17,685,952. The information is unable to be broken down to hospital level within the finance system given the age of the data, however the figures show significant growth.

As detailed in previous Question on Notice No. 1289, the amounts provided do not represent the total expenditure for the community of Gladstone as services of a more specialised and tertiary nature are provided when Gladstone residents are referred outside the District.