

**Question on Notice
No. 1343
Asked on 1 November 2006**

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

QUESTION:

With reference to urologists working for Queensland Health—

- (1) Will he detail the number of full-time and part-time urologists, broken down by (a) health district, (b) public hospital/other health services and (c) pay scale?
- (2) Will he detail the waiting list time to see a urologist, broken down by (a) health district and (b) public hospital/other health services?

ANSWER:

- (1) The data requested is not held centrally in a consistent, accurate and/or reliable manner in the Queensland Health Human Resource Management Information Systems (HRMIS) due to numerous anomalies in how medical specialities are entered into the 'Payroll' component of the HRMIS. Hence 1(b) and 1(c) cannot be answered.

However, information on the number of urologists in Queensland Health by health service districts has been collated manually.

Southern Area Health Service	Urologists
Bayside	1 part-time
Charleville	Nil
Gold Coast	4 part-time
Logan-Beaudesert	Nil
Northern Downs	Nil
Princess Alexandra Hospital	1 full-time 9 part-time
QEI Hospital	2 full-time 3 part-time
Roma	1 part-time
South Burnett	Nil
Southern Downs	1 part-time
Toowoomba	2 part-time
West Moreton	2 part-time

Northern Area Health Service	Urologists
Bowen	Nil
Cairns	1 part-time
Mater Public Adults Brisbane	4 part-time
Cape York	Nil
Charters Towers	Nil
Innisfail	Nil
Mackay	1 part-time
Moranbah	Nil
Mount Isa	Nil
Tablelands	Nil
Torres Strait and Northern Area Peninsula	Nil
Townsville	1 part-time

Central Area Health Service	Urologists
Banana	Nil
Bundaberg	1 part-time
Central Highlands	Nil
Central West	Nil
Fraser Coast	1 part-time
Gladstone	Nil
Gympie	Nil
North Burnett	Nil
Redcliffe-Caboolture	4 part-time
Rockhampton	1 part-time
Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospitals	8 part-time
Sunshine Coast	2 part-time
Royal Children's	1 full-time 1 part-time
The Prince Charles Hospital	Nil

- (2) Queensland Health does not have a centrally managed data collection that identifies the number and waiting time for specialist outpatient appointments broken down by specialty.

A manual survey of Queensland public hospitals was undertaken to determine the number of patients waiting for a specialist outpatient appointment at 1 March 2006. Results from this survey were published on the Queensland Health Internet site in May 2006.

As at 1 March 2006, the number of patients waiting to see a Urologist across all categories (ie waiting for a urological clinic appointment) was as follows:

Hospital	Number
Bundaberg Hospital	295
Gold Coast Hospital	946
Ipswich Hospital	387
Mackay Base Hospital	218
Mater Adult Hospital	169
Mater Children's Hospital	25
Mount Isa Hospital	27
Nambour Hospital	75
Princess Alexandra Hospital	496
Queen Elizabeth II Hospital	464
Redcliffe Hospital	512
Redland Hospital	209
Rockhampton Hospital	373
Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital	1,674
Townsville Hospital	1,024
Toowoomba Hospital	652
Total	7,564