

**Question on Notice  
No. 1355  
Asked on 1 November 2006**

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

**QUESTION:**

With reference to the number of staff at all Nanango Electorate hospitals in the Queensland public health system in all categories including outpatients, mental health etc—

- (1) What is the total number of staff employed in each category of staff at each hospital in each year from 2001 to date?
- (2) When will the 'temporary staff shortage' levels in each category of staff be at full complement?
- (3) What is the total number of staff in each category who rotate between the various hospitals, naming the relevant hospitals?
- (4) Are these staff reimbursed for travel and what are the total travel costs claimed by these staff per year?

**ANSWER:**

The Nanango Electorate crosses three Queensland Health Service Districts i.e. Redcliffe-Caboolture, South Burnett and West Moreton. The answers detailed below have been compiled from information provided by the three districts in respect of the facilities concerned.

(1)

<b>Stream</b>	<b>2001-02 as at 31/10/02</b>	<b>2002-03 as at 31/10/03</b>	<b>2003-04 as at 31/10/04</b>	<b>2004-05 as at 31/10/05</b>	<b>2005-06 as at 31/10/2006</b>
<b>Esk Hospital (West Moreton Health Service District)</b>					
Managerial and Clerical	1.73	1.57	1.62	1.29	1.86
Medical	1.97	2.08	2.02	2.04	1.98
Nursing	15.22	15.67	14.76	14.54	15.82
Operational	9.32	9.18	9.63	9.50	9.89
Technical	0	0	0	0	0.24
Professional	0.97	0.79	0.74	0.78	0.74

<b>Stream</b>	<b>2001-02</b>	<b>2002-03</b>	<b>2003-04</b>	<b>2004-05</b>	<b>2005-06</b>
<b>South Burnett Health Service District Hospitals</b>					
Managerial and Clerical	40.00	42.64	27.12	32.89	34.21
Medical	8.00	8.11	7.13	8.23	8.28
Nursing	155.70	147.27	156.66	148.00	145.07
Technical	5.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00
Professional/Scientist Operational	103.52	100.44	88.50	90.05	80.59
Allied	23.05	20.39	23.12	22.79	18.79
Trade	2.95	3.73	2.00	2.00	4.00
<b>Kilcoy Hospital (Redcliffe-Caboolture Health Service District)</b>					
Managerial and Clerical	*	*	*	1.00	1.00
Medical	*	*	*	1.00	1.00
Nursing	*	*	*	19	22
Operational	*	*	*	11	13
Professional	*	*	*	1	1

\* Redcliffe-Caboolture Health Service District has advised that it can only accurately report on data in relation to Kilcoy Hospital back to 2004-05.

- (2) Recruitment to vacancies is conducted in accordance with Queensland Health Guidelines for recruitment and advertising. Health Service Districts actively recruit to vacant positions and generally will where necessary utilise repeat advertising across a number of mediums.
- (3)-(4) Staff are not generally required to rotate between facilities in the Health Service Districts concerned. However, on rare occasions where critical staff shortages are impacting on continued service delivery, some staff may be requested to work at other sites. For example, in the South Burnett Health Service District a Government vehicle is made available for travel between sites.

Staff from Kilcoy Hospital are not required to rotate between health facilities within the Redcliffe-Caboolture Health Service District.