Question on Notice No. 1480 Asked on 29 November 2006

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

QUESTION:

With reference to my electorate which for 12 months now has been advised that there was to be a review of the Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme-

- (1) Who is doing or has done the review?
- (2) What recommendations were made (if completed)?
- (3) If the review has not been started when will it start?
- (4) If completed when will a copy of the report be available?

ANSWER:

The current review of the Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme (PTSS) follows on from the examination of the scheme in the Health Economist Review and is an internal review conducted by Queensland Health. It is looking at ways to improve the administration of the scheme as well as examining the adequacy of the subsidy and other eligibility criteria. The review team is using data from the Health Service Districts as well as information provided by interested stakeholders.

Any changes or reforms for the PTSS and subsidy levels will be considered in the context of and aligned with the Statewide Health Services Plan.