

**Question on Notice
No. 285
Asked on 7 March 2006**

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the nursing workforce employed at the Gold Coast Hospital (Southport) in 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 (reported separately)-

Will he detail the number of (reported separately) (a) Queensland Health full-time nurses, (b) Queensland Health part-time nurses, (c) Casual Queensland Health nurses, (d) part-time agency nurses and (e) graduate nurses?

ANSWER:

The details requested by the Member are detailed below:

Nursing Staff Category	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006 03/06
Queensland Health Full-Time Nurses	369	541	515	511	613
Queensland Health Part-Time Nurses	425	536	608	668	721
Casual Queensland Health Nurses	94	124	133	162	191
Graduate Nurses	43	55	44	52	87
Total	931	1,256	1,300	1,393	1,612

Note that the high percentage of nurses working part-time is a consistent pattern due to the majority of the workforce comprising women and the need to balance family commitments vs work etc.

With respect to the engagement of agency nurses, details of the number of hours and the associated cost follows:

District Agency Usage		
	Nursing Hours	Amount
July 2001-June 2002	1,834	\$69,111
July 2002-June 2003	5,744	\$237,955
July 2003-June 2004	1,518	\$61,951
July 2004-June 2005	6,653	\$294,745