

Question on Notice
No. 287
Asked on 7 March 2006

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the process of home care assessments undertaken by Queensland Health Community Health Services—

- (1) How many people currently living on the Gold Coast are waiting for home care assessment?
- (2) How long have those people been waiting for home care assessment (length of time reported separately for each person)?
- (3) Of those people waiting for home care assessment how many people are under 50 years of age and have a disability?
- (4) Of those people under 50 years of age with a disability, how many were referred to an aged care facility (home or hostel reported separately) in the Gold Coast District?

ANSWER:

- (1) As at 9 March 2006, there were 48 people living on the Gold Coast waiting for home care assessment.
- (2) The length of time these people have been waiting is detailed in the table below:

No. of Days Waiting Time	No. of Persons Waiting
0	1
1	17
2	10
3	7
4 – 14	9
>14	4

There are a number of reasons impacting on those persons waiting longer than three days, including:

- the person is currently a hospital inpatient;
 - the person is currently away; and
 - contact is unable to be made to arrange an assessment.
- (3) As at 9 March 2006, there was one person waiting for home care assessment who was under 50 years of age and receiving a disability pension. The person had been waiting one day for assessment.
 - (4) Nil.