Question on Notice
No. 515
Asked on 19 April 2006

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

QUESTION:

With reference to his answer to Question on Notice No. 315 asked on 8 March 2006 in which he advised that Queensland Health has implemented the statewide reporting system, PRIME, for the collection of critical clinical incident data from Queensland Public Hospitals, and that 29,000 clinical incidents have been reported on PRIME since September 2004 –

In order to help restore confidence in the public hospital system, will he advise whether he will regularly release de-identified statistical data and analysis of PRIME data on the Queensland Health website?

ANSWER:

Queensland Health will publish regular patient safety reports using data from PRIME.

These reports will be made available to the public through the Queensland Health website and will focus on sharing lessons learnt from a statewide analysis of de-identified clinical incident and adverse event data. The reports will also outline patient safety improvement initiatives being implemented to address any systems vulnerabilities identified.

The first report is expected to be released later this year.

Queenslanders can have confidence that Queensland Health is committed to a transparent approach to the identification of clinical incidents and adverse events, sharing lessons learnt and outlining the initiatives being implemented to improve patient safety.