

Question on Notice
No. 607
Asked on 21 April 2006

MR HOBBS asked the Minister for Health (MR ROBERTSON)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Injune Hospital dispute resolution process which has been ongoing for over 12 months and as the Injune community has a very good doctor who is prepared to stay in the community for the next five years and as all Members of this Parliament would be aware of how difficult it is to recruit doctors to rural one doctor hospitals and as the Injune Community is most dissatisfied with Queensland Health's decision to allow the return of the Director of Nursing to a Nurse Educator position based in Injune—

When will he intervene and resolve this situation to the satisfaction of the community who wish to retain their doctor?

ANSWER:

Queensland Health has sought the assistance of the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission to resolve the situation at the Injune Health Service.

The proposed role for the former Director of Nursing is that of Nursing Director - Clinical Education. This position will have responsibilities for:

- the coordination of nursing education throughout the District which will require travel throughout all centres in the District;
- a role in developing the Clinical Skills Centre in the Roma Hospital; and
- helping our nurses deliver high level clinical services to the whole community.

Negotiations continue in order to implement details of an agreement that protects the rights of the employees concerned, resolve the concerns of the doctor, and ensures the continued provision of a health service that meets the needs of the community.