Question on Notice No. 625 Asked on 21 April 2006

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

QUESTION:

With reference to Queensland Health staff who were the subject of adverse comment or findings from the Bundaberg Hospital Commission of Inquiry (Davies Inquiry)—

- (1) Which staff adversely mentioned are still employed or in receipt of income payment from Queensland Health?
- (2) Will he detail the disciplinary action taken against any of the persons who were subject to adverse findings or adverse mention?
- (3) Will he comment particularly on ex-District Manager of Fraser Coast Health District Mr Mike Allsop and Mr Peter Leck?

ANSWER:

- (1) The following staff who were adversely mentioned are still employed by Queensland Health Dr Morgan Naidoo (on leave without pay); and Mr Michael Allsopp and Dr Terence Hanelt (both on special leave with pay).
- (2) On 1 December 2005 the Director-General advised Mr Peter Leck, Mr Mike Allsopp, Dr Terrence Hanelt, Dr Gerald Fitzgerald and Dr Morgan Naidoo that based on the Recommendations and Adverse Findings made in the *Queensland Public Hospitals Commission of Inquiry Report* they may be liable to disciplinary action against them.

Currently:

- the Director-General is assessing responses from Dr Hanelt and Mr Allsopp to the Notice to Show Cause issued to them arising from the above recommendations;
- an investigation into the allegations that Dr Naidoo was absent from work on various occasions without reasonable explanation is ongoing. Once complete, it will be decided whether disciplinary action will be taken; and
- as Mr Leck and Dr Fitzgerald subsequently left Queensland Health, no further disciplinary action could be taken against them by the Department.
- As noted above, in relation to Mr Allsopp, the Director-General is currently assessing his response to the Notice to Show Cause issued to him as a result of the above recommendations. In relation to Mr Peter Leck, as he has subsequently left Queensland Health no further disciplinary action can be taken against him by the Department.