

Question on Notice
No. 709
Asked on 10 May 2006

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

QUESTION:

How many doctors including visiting medical officers (reported separately) have resigned from Queensland Health hospitals since the mini-Budget was delivered in October 2005?

ANSWER:

During the period since the mini-budget was delivered, 782 doctors commenced work at Queensland public hospitals. 444 medical staff or 9% of doctors working for Queensland Health resigned for a variety of reasons.

As I have advised previously, terminations reported are due to numerous reasons including employees who have resigned, whose contract or period of training has ended, who have transferred to another Queensland Health district, or been dismissed.

The table below identifies the following data for the period from October 2005 to April 2006:

- statewide medical resignations by level/classification;
- total headcounts by level/classification; and
- the percentage of resignations by total headcount, by level/classification (for further clarity).

Medical level/classification	Resignations	Total Headcount	% of Total	New Starts
Interns	21	334	6%	292
Junior House Officers	68	323	21%	105
Senior House Officers	54	213	25%	50
Registrars/Principal House Officers	223	1,518	15%	218
Senior Medical Officers	29	448	6%	39
Staff Specialists	28	1,104	3%	54
Visiting Medical Officers	21	884	2%	24
Totals	444	4,824	9%	782

Notes about data:

- The above data was sourced from the Queensland Health Human Resource Management Information Systems (HRMIS).
- Resignation denotes that a staff member has fully separated from Queensland Health.
- Headcount as at pay period ending 23 April 2006.
- Casual staff are excluded from this resignations data.