Question on Notice No. 784 Asked on 23 May 2006

MS LEE LONG asked the Minister for Health (MR ROBERTSON)-

QUESTION:

With reference to the recent passage of Cyclone Larry which has highlighted the lack of back-up power generator at the Herberton Hospital - a 42 bed facility which was without any power at all for some 36 hours -

Will he fund a back-up generator for this hospital to prevent a similar situation occurring again?

ANSWER:

I am pleased to advise that funding has been made available and that the Tablelands Health Service District is currently exploring options for the installation of an appropriately sized generator for Herberton Hospital.