

**Question on Notice  
No. 918  
Asked on 26 May 2006**

DR FLEGG asked the Minister for Health (MR ROBERTSON)—

**QUESTION:**

What is the maximum number of internship places available for each year listed separately from now until 2011?

**ANSWER:**

The number of funded internship places available each year has been determined following a previous project that examined the impact of expected additional medical graduates up until 2009. As a result of that project:

- In 2007 there will be 387 funded internship places available. This is a growth on the internship places base establishment of 68 from 2006.
- In 2008 the number of internship places funded is the same as in 2007, but this is sufficient to accommodate the expected number of additional Queensland permanent resident medical graduates.
- Additional funding has been allocated for 2009 for approximately 40 additional internship places, taking the total number of recurrently funded internship places to over 420.

The Department is now in possession of more recent university graduate projections. This is being examined as part of the Additional Medical Graduate project currently being undertaken by Queensland Health.

The Additional Medical Graduates Project will examine not only the number of positions required but also the necessary infrastructure to ensure a safe and clinically appropriate standard of internship training is provided. It is expected that this project team will make recommendations later this year to ensure that funding is allocated in future budgets to accommodate the appropriate training of additional medical graduates up until 2011.

The funding requirements cannot be determined until Queensland Health has consulted with a broad range of stakeholders in relation to revised models of intern training. Consultations with stakeholders are currently underway.