

Question on Notice
No. 173
Asked on 21 February 2007

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

QUESTION:

With reference to Australian Organ Donor Week which is now underway and is aimed at raising awareness and to encourage people to register for organ donation and as there are around 2000 Australians waiting for an organ transplant at any one time—

Which hospitals in Queensland are able to collect donor organs once they become available from donors?

ANSWER:

A potential donor must die in an intensive care unit whilst on a ventilator so any hospital which has an intensive care unit or the ability to ventilate a patient could potentially care for a donor.

Australian Organ Donor Awareness Week aims to raise awareness about the benefits of organ and tissue donation for transplantation. The week also aims to encourage people to discuss the matter with family and friends and to sign on to the Australian Organ Donor Register to formalise their decision to donate.