

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 26**  
**Asked on 6 February 2007**

MR LANGBROEK asked the Minister for Health (MR ROBERTSON)-

**QUESTION:**

With reference to the December quarter of 2006 when I note 100 more doctors, 283 more nurses and 150 more allied health workers were employed by Queensland Health—

Will he list separations from Queensland Health for the December quarter 2006 in the following categories (a) doctors, (b) nurses and (c) allied health workers (detailed separately)?

**ANSWER:**

The Health Action Plan identified that Queensland Health would recruit an extra 300 doctors, 500 nurses and 400 allied health workers by December 2006.

Those targets were achieved by June last year, six months ahead of schedule. As at December 2006 5,100 doctors were working for Queensland Health compared to 4,552 in June 2005, 24,020 nurses compared to 21,911 in June 2005 and 6,592 allied health workers compared to 5,806 in June 2005.

Separations by clinical occupational stream for the December 2006 quarter are as included in the following table:

<b>Occupational Stream</b>	<b>Headcount Start of Period</b>	<b>Separations During Period</b>	<b>Headcount End of Period</b>	<b>Net Increase</b>	<b>% Net Increase</b>
Medical Officers – includes Visiting Medical Officers	5,000	79	5,100	100	2.0%
Nursing	23,737	448	24,020	283	1.2%
AlliedHealth/Professionals / Scientists	6,442	227	6,592	150	2.3%

Clinical staff separations from Queensland Health are for a variety of reasons. For example, Queensland Health trains all young doctors entering the health system whether they go on to work in public hospitals, as general practitioners or in private hospitals.

A significant number of annual medical separations are doctors who have completed their clinical training with Queensland Health and are embarking on their new careers.

Other reasons for separations from employment with Queensland Health include: resignation; death; retirement; transfer (out of Queensland Health); dismissal; and end of contract.

**Notes about data:**

The data above was extracted from the Queensland Health Human Resource Management Information Systems (HRMIS) as at 7 February 2007. To keep up with relevant personnel movements the HRMIS allows separations data to be amended/updated retrospectively. As a result, although the data presented above is accurate in the sense of reflecting what is in the HRMIS data base as at 7 February 2007, the data presented in this answer may be subject to minor variation.