

Question on Notice
No. 355
Asked on 8 March 2007

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the dental clinic in Gympie, and as I have received complaints from constituents regarding the extensive waiting lists at the Gympie Dental Clinic—

- (1) What are the current waiting lists by category and what were the waiting lists for the same period in 2006, 2005, 2004 and 2003?
- (2) What is the current staffing level for the Gympie Dental Clinic, including staff vacancies, and how does this compare with the same period in 2006, 2005, 2004 and 2003?

ANSWER:

Queensland provides the most comprehensive free public dental service in Australia for eligible adults and school aged children.

Queensland Health provided free dental care to more than 1.2 million Queenslanders in 2005-06 and is investing a record \$138 million into the dental service this year.

Emergency cases are generally seen within 24 hours.

It should also be noted that 93% of people on public dental waiting lists are waiting for an annual check up.

- (1) The total waiting list and occasions of services completed for the years in question for the Gympie Oral Health Service are as follows:

Year	Waiting List	Occasions of Service Completed
2006-07 (to date)	2,525	5,699 (to date)
2005-06	901	9,053
2004-05	3,296	9,317
2003-04	3,072	3,513

- (2) Staffing levels for the Gympie Oral Health Service are as follows:

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Total	19	20	18	20