

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 560**  
**Asked on 17 April 2007**

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

**QUESTION:**

How many separations were there from 1 January to 31 March 2007 from Queensland Health for (a) doctors, (b) nurses and (c) allied health workers (detailed separately)?

**ANSWER:**

Separations by clinical occupational stream for the March 2007 quarter are 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	5,100	340	5,543	443	8.7%
Nursing	24,020	408	25,019	999	4.5%
Allied Health/ Professionals/Scientists	6,592	236	6,906	314	4.8%

Clinical staff separations from Queensland Health occur 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. Clinical staff movements are significantly higher in the months of December and January every year due to the annual training cycle and rotations.

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.