

**Question on Notice
No. 611
Asked on 18 April 2007**

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the answer to Question on Notice No. 265 asked on 6 March 2007 and the aged care facilities run by the Government throughout Queensland—

What is the full-time equivalent nursing staff-to-client ratio for each facility?

ANSWER:

Staffing for Queensland Government run aged care facilities is based on a multi-faceted assessment of the resident care needs, physical layout of the unit, education and experience levels of staff, the time of the shift, links with support programs such as Hospital in the Nursing Home and any other factors relevant to the individual facility. The statewide average for nursing staff to client ratio is 1:1.5.

Full-time equivalent nursing staff to client ratios for each of the 21 Government operated aged care facilities are as follows:

Facility	Ratio
Ashworth House, Zillmere	1:1.4
Cooinda House, Redcliffe	1:1.8
Dr E A F McDonald Nursing Home, Oakey	1:1.5
Eventide Aged Care Facility, Sandgate	1:1.2
Eventide Nursing Home, Rockhampton	1:1.3
Eventide, Charters Towers	1:1.2
Farrhome Nursing Care Unit, Kingaroy	1:1.6
Hibiscus House Aged Care Residential Unit, Nambour	1:1.1
Karingal Nursing Home, Dalby	1:2.6
Milton House, Miles	1:1.3
Moreton Bay Nursing Care Unit, Wynnum	1:1.2
Mount Lofty Nursing Home, Toowoomba	1:1.2
North Rockhampton Nursing Care, Rockhampton	1:1.5
Parklands Residential Aged Care Facility, Townsville	1:1.5
Redland Residential Care, Cleveland	1:1.6
The Gertrude E Moore Memorial Nursing Home, Yeppoon	1:1.5
The Oaks Nursing Home, Warwick	1:1.9
Waroona Nursing Home, Charleville	1:2.0
Weinholt Nursing Care Unit, Wondai	1:1.3
Westhaven Nursing Care Unit, Roma	1:1.8
Yaralla Place, Maryborough	1:1.4

The number of nursing staff rostered on at any time will depend on the time of the shift and level of care required by clients. Residents in aged care facilities may require different levels of care depending on the severity and complexity of their needs (e.g. high care or low care).

Additionally, client care is provided through a number of other staff such as allied health staff and personal care staff.