

**Question on Notice  
No. 736  
Asked on 23 May 2007**

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

**QUESTION:**

With reference to the closure of the Bundaberg Integrated Mental Health Unit from August 2005 to March 2007—

- (1) How many acute mental health patients were transferred to other facilities during this time (reported separately by date and transfer location)?
- (2) Since the reopening of the Mental Health Unit, have acute mental health patients still been transferred to other facilities; if so, how many?

**ANSWER:**

- (1) The following table reflects the total number of clients transferred out of the District during the closure period:

<b>Location Transferred To</b>	<b>Admission Month</b>	<b>Total</b>
Brisbane	April 2006	1
	October 2006	2
	November 2006	4
<b>Brisbane Total</b>		<b>7</b>
Nambour	August 2005	7
	September 2005	12
	October 2005	8
	November 2005	15
	December 2005	4
	January 2006	13
	February 2006	6
	March 2006	8
	April 2006	6
	May 2006	5
	June 2006	3
	July 2006	4
	August 2006	1
	September 2006	7
	October 2006	1
	November 2006	3
	December 2006	1
	January 2007	3
<b>Nambour Total</b>		<b>107</b>
Rockhampton	August 2005	4

<b>Location Transferred To</b>	<b>Admission Month</b>	<b>Total</b>
	September 2005	3
	October 2005	2
	November 2005	2
	December 2005	6
	January 2006	10
	February 2006	7
	March 2006	5
	April 2006	9
	May 2006	7
	June 2006	5
	July 2006	10
	August 2006	5
	September 2006	7
	October 2006	5
	November 2006	4
	December 2006	2
<b>Rockhampton Total</b>		<b>93</b>
Maryborough	May 2005	1
	June 2006	2
	July 2006	4
	August 2006	5
	September 2006	1
	October 2006	1
	November 2006	5
	December 2006	6
	January 2007	2
	February 2007	2
<b>Maryborough Total</b>		<b>29</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>236</b>

(2) On 19 March 2007, the Wide Bay Integrated Mental Health Unit reopened to an eight bed capacity. Since that time six clients have required to be transferred out of the District for clinical reasons. All of the clients, following a clinical review utilising a multidisciplinary team, required either:

- high dependent mental health care in a dedicated Inpatient High Dependent Mental Health Unit;
- specialised mental health care for specific adolescent issues; and
- one client was absent without leave from the Prince Charles Mental Health Service, which requested transfer back to the principal Authorised Mental Health Service.

Each client clinically met the legislative requirements of the *Mental Health Act 2000*. Three existing clients of the Wide Bay Integrated Mental Health Service transferred to the Fraser Coast High Dependency Mental Health Unit have been returned to the Wide Bay Integrated Mental Health Unit.