

**Question on Notice
No. 939
Asked on 7 June 2007**

DR FLEGG asked the Minister for Health (MR ROBERTSON)—

QUESTION:

Will he detail the total cost of litigation claims (ie. not details of individual or particular cases) to Queensland Health for each of the last three financial years (broken down by year, hospital and region)?

ANSWER:

Information provided is the total amounts that have been paid by Queensland Health to settle claims, excluding legal expenses, for the last three financial years. Reimbursements from the Queensland Government Insurance Fund have been taken into account in deriving these net figures.

For the 2004-05 financial year the net total expenditure on litigation claims, excluding legal expenses, was \$1,673,538.11. For the 2005-06 financial year it was \$2,194,064.08. For the period July 2006 to April 2007 it was \$5,676,637.47.

Information concerning the total cost of litigation claims broken down by hospital and region cannot be provided as this information is subject to legal professional privilege. Further, were it to be released, it would effect the ongoing ability of the State to properly defend litigation brought against it.