

Question on Notice
No. 1555
Asked on 29 October 2008

MR STEVENS asked the Minister for Health (MR ROBERTSON)—

QUESTION:

With reference to School Dental Services in the Robina Electorate—

- (1) How many children have been assisted with dental services at each school in 2007-08?
- (2) Is it true that follow-up treatment after the initial check is not carried out by the mobile dental vans and that parents have to pay for this privately?

ANSWER:

- (1) In 2007-8 the Gold Coast Health Service District offered 21,728 children treatment and 14,148 children were consented for and received treatment, which is a consent rate of 65.1%.
- (2) Currently all children who are examined within any of our school dental facilities are offered free routine treatment. There are some advanced treatments, such as orthodontics, where Queensland Health only treats complex cases that are associated with adverse health outcomes. For those children with less complex orthodontic needs the parents may choose to seek private treatment. All school children that are residents of Queensland from the age of four to Year 10 are eligible for treatment by the Queensland Health Oral Health Service and they are treated at no charge.