

**Question on Notice
No. 1566
Asked on 29 October 2008**

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

QUESTION:

With reference to paediatric cardiac services—

- (1) Will he provide details of the transfer of paediatric cardiac services to the Mater Children's Hospital, including the number of surgeons, anaesthetists, perfusionists, nurses, theatre staff and any other designations (reported separately)?
- (2) How many were full-time equivalent or actual clinical staff previously employed at, or working in (a) Prince Charles Hospital paediatric cardiac services or (b) paediatric cardiac services at the Mater Children's Hospital and how many are currently employed in the new paediatric cardiac unit at the Mater Children's Hospital?
- (3) Will he detail any vacancies at the new paediatric cardiac unit at the Mater Children's Hospital?

ANSWER:

- (1) The Queensland Paediatric Cardiac Services (QPCS) transferred from The Prince Charles Hospital (TPCH) to the Mater Children's Hospital (MCH) on 20 May 2008. Ninety-three staff or 73.89 FTE staff transferred with the service to the MCH as follows:

Area	FTE
Medical	7.41
Nursing	52.81
Allied Health/Technicians/Scientists	11.67
Administrative Staff	2.0
Total FTE Staff	73.89

- (2) The staffing and the previous status of the staff currently employed in QPCS at the MCH is as follows:

Area	Not previously employed at MCH or TPCH	Previously employed at MCH	Transferred from TPCH	FTE
Medical	7	2	7.41	16.41
Nursing	14.5	12.9	52.81	80.21
Allied Health/ Technicians/Scientists	5	1.4	11.67	18.07
Administrative Staff			2.0	2.0
Total FTE Staff	26.5	16.3	73.89	116.69

- (3) 16.2 FTE Nursing vacancies currently exist within QPCS and MCH Paediatric Intensive Care Unit with 11.5 new staff recruited to commence in January 2009.