

Question on Notice
No. 1584
Asked on 29 October 2008

MRS PRATT asked the Minister for Health (MR ROBERTSON)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme (PTSS), and as I understand that patients accessing this subsidy for travel costs are required to wait up to four months for reimbursement—

- (1) How many health districts have PTSS applicants waiting for reimbursement for periods of four weeks, five weeks and longer than six weeks?
- (2) What are the reasons for the delays?
- (3) What is the total dollar value of PTSS claims per month?

ANSWER:

- (1)-(2) As there is no statewide reporting mechanism for PTSS, Queensland Health is not able to determine how many health districts have applicants waiting for reimbursement.
- (3) Queensland Health PTSS expenditure for the 2007–2008 financial year was \$34.8 million. PTSS usage varies throughout the year, however, the average dollar value per month for Queensland Health would be \$2.9 million.