

**Question on Notice
No. 1683
Asked on 11 November 2008**

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

QUESTION:

Will he provide details of the cost, number and percentage (reported separately) of public hospital patients who had private health insurance cover who (a) required elective surgery, general hospital admission and outpatient services (reported separately) in 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 (to date) and (b) list the main reasons why a person with private health insurance accesses public hospital services and facilities but does not make a claim?

ANSWER:

- (a) Details of public patients with private health insurance who required elective surgery, general hospital admission or outpatient services are as follows:

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09 (to date)
Elective Surgery				
Number	5,622	6,387	8,066	1,421
% of all admissions	1%	1%	1%	1%
Cost	\$46,693,539	\$54,254,715	\$68,106,217	\$11,710,387
General Hospital Admission				
Number	42,567	47,743	53,476	9,794
% of all admissions	6%	6%	6%	7%
Cost	\$92,623,028	\$104,153,471	\$117,526,706	\$22,026,493

There is no breakdown on the number of private patients using outpatient services.

- (b) Queensland Health does not survey patients on this issue and therefore does not hold this information.