

Question on Notice
No. 1710
Asked on 12 November 2008

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Flying Surgeon service for 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 to date (reported separately)—

- (1) How many patients were seen and how many procedures were carried out?
- (2) How many clinics were conducted and where were they located?
- (3) How many full-time staff and FTEs were there and what were their designations?
- (4) What were the itemised budgets and costs including aircraft hire and staff costs?

ANSWER:

The *Flying Specialist Service Review Final Report* dated September 2007 has been made public and the *Service Redesign for Queensland Flying Specialists Service* Report dated May 2008 has been tabled in Parliament. These reports contain data directly relevant to the questions raised by the Member and both contain analysis of outpatient and inpatient activity.

Since the budgets for 2006-07 and 2007-08 have now been finalised, the updated budget and expense figures are below.

	2006-07	2007-08
Budget	\$3,128,842.00	\$3,177,455.00
Air charter expenses (included in total non-labour expenses)	\$1,632,473.00	\$1,101,563.00
Total Non Labour expenses	\$1,732,264.00	\$1,200,463.00
Total Labour expenses	\$1,919,150.00	\$1,644,009.00

The projected budget for 2008-09 is \$3,644,716.00.

Budget and costs cannot be broken down between the Surgeon and Flying Obstetrician and Gynaecologist services.

Labour includes both Surgeon and Flying Obstetrician and Gynaecologist wages and salary.

Non-Labour includes items such as travel (aircraft), staff travel, clinical supplies, and administration.