

Question on Notice
No. 1715
Asked on 12 November 2008

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

QUESTION:

With reference to Queensland Health's efforts to attract a Medical Superintendent to Beaudesert Hospital and Queensland Health's poor track record in holding onto such valuable staff—

Will he advise what he is doing (a) to retain these crucial health workers, especially at Beaudesert and (b) about succession planning for their inevitable replacements?

ANSWER:

The Medical Superintendent, Beaudesert Hospital commenced in April 2008 after spending a three month period at the Logan Hospital for orientation.

Queensland Health has, and continues to provide, a high level of support to the new Medical Superintendent. In addition to the support provided to all senior Queensland Health employees, Queensland Health has provided:

- enhanced access to training and professional development activities;
- support to develop and implement a clinical governance infrastructure in the Hospital;
- support for service enhancements to meet the community's needs, and
- peer support through his senior colleagues such Dr Michael Cleary, Executive Director and Director, Medical Services, Logan and Beaudesert Hospitals.

Staff at Beaudesert Hospital are a dedicated team providing quality care to the local community, and their contributions should be acknowledged.