

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 1730**  
**Asked on 12 November 2008**

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

QUESTION:

Will he list (individually by year from 2006 to 2008) the amount spent on courses and capsules of Tamiflu, Panvax and Relenza in Queensland Health's central antiviral stockpile and each Queensland public hospital?

ANSWER:

Queensland Health purchased 26,059 courses of Tamiflu capsules and 4,800 courses of Tamiflu suspension in February 2006 at a cost of \$835,972.72 and \$153,984 respectively (total cost \$989,956.72).

The majority of the stockpile is held in Central Pharmacy, with smaller numbers of stockpile antivirals distributed to eleven public hospitals in regional areas across Queensland.

The Australian Government has established a large stockpile of antiviral medication, including Relenza and Tamiflu, for distribution to states and territories should a pandemic influenza outbreak occur in Australia.