

Question on Notice
No. 1754
Asked on 13 November 2008

MR DICKSON asked the Minister for Health (MR ROBERTSON)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the 15 percent of Sunshine Coast public patients who do not show up for specialist medical appointments scheduled by Queensland Health—

Will he provide a detailed explanation, including a statistical breakdown, for the reasons why these appointments are not kept?

ANSWER:

The breakdown of reasons why individual public patients do not attend their Specialist Outpatients Department appointments is not data that is routinely collected by Queensland Health. There are no reasons codes attached to the appointments where people ‘fail to attend’ (FTA) like there are for cancellations.