

Question on Notice
No. 1774
Asked on 13 November 2008

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

QUESTION:

- (1) How much money has been spent by Queensland Health to fly patients from each Queensland health district to Brisbane and back by the Royal Flying Doctor Service in each of the last three financial years?
- (2) How many trips were performed by the Royal Flying Doctor Service to each of those districts in each financial year?

ANSWER:

- (1) Through agreements with Queensland Health, the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) provides statewide aero-medical inter-facility and emergency transport via fixed wing aircraft. Budgets are not devolved to Health Service Districts. The Service Agreements are administered centrally and have amounted to:
 - \$30,456,941 in 2007-08;
 - \$23,160,484 in 2006-07, and
 - \$15,430,929 in 2005-06.
- (2) In the last three years the Royal Flying Doctor Service has undertaken 24,596 flights in Queensland.