

**Question on Notice  
No. 1795  
Asked on 25 November 2008**

MRS CUNNINGHAM asked the Minister for Health (MR ROBERTSON)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the public oral health service in Gladstone for 2006-07, 2007-08, and 2008 to date—

Will he advise the number of (a) dentist positions allocated to Gladstone and the actual number of positions filled, (b) oral hygienist positions allocated and the number of positions filled (permanent and contract reported separately) and (c) dental assistant positions allocated to Gladstone and the number filled (permanent and contract reported separately)?

ANSWER:

The data requested by the Member is set out in the table below:

Position	Establishment (FTE)			Actual (FTE)		
	June 2007	June 2008	Nov. 2008	June 2007	June 2008	Nov. 2008
Dentists	3	3	3	3.27 <sup>^</sup>	2.8 <sup>*</sup>	2.8 <sup>*</sup>
Dental Therapists #	5	5	5	3.67	3.61	3.95
Dental Assistants	6	6	6	6	6	6

<sup>^</sup> 0.27 = contract position (this is in addition to establishment).

<sup>\*</sup> One dentist chooses to work 4 days per week therefore the 0.8 of a position.

<sup>#</sup> There are no specific Oral Hygienist positions in the public dental service. The staff who undertake oral hygienist services are Dental Therapists who have completed an upgrade to their qualification.