

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 216**  
**Asked on 27 February 2008**

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

**QUESTION:**

With reference to the Premier's answer to a question without notice on 12 February 2008 (p.35 of Hansard) where she said, "I outline to the Parliament our commitment as a government to the full and transparent release of health data"—

Will he provide a detailed breakdown of all of the Queensland private hospital data (as per the Public Hospital table) from the Hospital Performance – Clinical (Table) which was part of the Queensland Public Hospitals Performance Report 2006–07?

**ANSWER:**

Current private hospital reporting arrangements are complicated as there are numerous stakeholders. A range of measures are reported to a variety of agencies in support of their commitment and adherence to the delivery of safe and high quality services. The *Private Health Facilities Act 1999* s (144) requires licensees of private health facilities to submit various reports to the Chief Health Officer to monitor the quality of health services provided at private health facilities. Reports include a summary of six monthly adverse outcomes and sentinel events and monthly admitted patient data which is subsequently reported to the Commonwealth.

Private hospitals also report on adverse events and performance indicators to Health Funds who they are contracted with, adverse events and incidents to their own health insurers and self-assessment and mandatory data to the Health Quality and Complaints Commission. All private facilities must also be accredited with a quality assurance entity e.g. Australian Council on Healthcare Standards (ACHS) therefore requiring the submission of outcome data to this entity.

Under the *Health Services Act 1991*, the Chief Executive must provide the Minister with a public hospital performance report each year. This legislation does not require private hospitals to be reported. However, during the recent February 2008 Australian Health Ministers' Conference, Queensland agreed and will align with the decision for Commonwealth and State and Territory Governments to build and report publicly on a comprehensive set of performance measures across the entire health system.