

Question on Notice
No. 226
Asked on 27 February 2008

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

QUESTION:

Will he inform the House of initiatives by the Bligh Government to assist children with allergies?

ANSWER:

The Bligh Government established Queensland's first public paediatric allergy and immunology clinic at the Royal Children's Hospital. This commenced on 3 March 2008. The service is multidisciplinary. It is supervised by a consultant physician specialising in allergy and immunology (Dr Jane Peake) and is supported by a dietician, senior registrar and nursing officer.

The service will be available to both public and private patients.

The service initially should see approximately 3,000 children annually. In the future it is expected that the capacity of the service will increase steadily, but this depends on the availability of trained allergists and immunologists. The service will be directed to promote education and training of both junior and senior staff, and in the long term will be directed to a statewide focus.

In 2009 a second training registrar position will commence to further expand the capacity to meet demands placed on this new service.