**Question on Notice**
**No. 356**
**Asked on 12 March 2008**

MS LEE LONG asked the Minister for Health (MR ROBERTSON)-

QUESTION:

Since all Far North Queensland health services amalgamated under the umbrella of the Cairns and Hinterland Health Service—

Have there been any withdrawals from the regions including (a) Tablelands (b) Innisfail and (c) Mossman of (i) staff positions and (ii) services (detailing how many and where any withdrawals have occurred)?

ANSWER:

(a)-(c) The Cairns and Hinterland Health Service District has amalgamated the former districts of Cairns, Tablelands and Innisfail. To date, there has been no withdrawal of services or staff positions within the Cairns and Hinterland Health Service District.

The amalgamation has reconfigured the District structure to ensure that services run as efficiently as possible. The District positions that have been affected to date by the amalgamation are:

- in the Tablelands region, the position of District Manager has been redesigned as an Operations Manager role; and
- in the Innisfail region, the position of District Manager has been redesigned as an Operations Manager role.

Clinical services provided in the Tablelands and Innisfail regions have not been affected by the amalgamation.

There have been no reductions in staffing levels or services at the Douglas Shire Multi-Purpose Health Service in Mossman.