

Question on Notice
No. 1420
Asked on 7 October 2009

MR MESSENGER asked the Deputy Premier and Minister for Health (MR LUCAS)-

QUESTION:

With reference to the patient travel subsidy scheme—

How much has been spent by each Queensland hospital (reported separately and including the Bundaberg Base Hospital) on patients who are forced to travel to receive medical treatment for the last three years?

ANSWER:

I refer the Honourable Member to the answer I gave to Question on Notice number 162 of 2009.

In that answer I provided figures up to the date of answering the question in relation to the Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme. The Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme is administered by Health Service Districts.

I can now advise the final figure for the 2008-09 year was \$41.1 million. This is more than any other State or Territory. The amount spent in relation to Bundaberg Hospital for the years 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 was approximately \$1.5m, \$1.6 million and \$1.8 million respectively.