

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 1604**  
**Asked on 28 October 2009**

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

QUESTION:

How many reported assaults by mental health patients on staff were there in 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09 and the 2009-10 (to date) for each secure mental health facility detailed in answer to Question on Notice No. 196 of 2005 (each year and facility reported separately)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Caloundra for his question.

Secure mental health services are provided in safe environments that ensure consumers' needs are met in a balance between the safety of all and rights of the consumer. As outlined by the *Mental Health Act 2000* all mental health care must be provided in the least restrictive environment possible.

When an incident, such as an assault on a staff member, occurs in these environments a review is undertaken of all circumstances leading to and during the incident. The information is used to determine the most appropriate way of preventing reoccurrence of such events.

The number of reported assaults by mental health patients on staff in secure mental health services for the years in question are as follows:

Facility	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
<b>Baillie Henderson Hospital</b> Ridley Medium Secure Unit	11	9	20	13
<b>Townsville Institute of Mental Health</b> Medium Secure Unit	56	63	59	55
<b>The Park Centre for Mental Health</b> Medium Secure Unit	81	34	55	51
<b>The Park Centre for Mental Health</b> High Secure Unit	29	22	16	23
<b>The Prince Charles Hospital</b> Medium Secure Unit	18	6	5	9

The 2009-10 figures will be published when the year is complete.