

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 1632**  
**Asked on 29 October 2009**

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise why the position of health worker at the Ravenshoe Health Centre is still vacant after more than seven months and what measures Queensland Health are taking to fill the position as a matter of priority?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Dalrymple for his question.

The Ravenshoe Health Care Centre is a community health facility which provides emergency health services delivered by a single Registered Nurse with Rural and Remote Isolated Practice Endorsement utilising the Primary Clinical Care Manual. Community health home visits and health promotion activities are also co-ordinated through the Centre. Ravenshoe Health Care Centre forms part of the services delivered by the Cairns and Hinterland Health Service District.

The position remains vacant because to date there has been no qualified applicant for the job.

The position has been advertised in the Health Services Bulletin, seek.com and in the Cairns Post Newspaper.

In the interim, the District Indigenous Health Service is supporting the Ravenshoe Health Centre with regular phone calls, advice and visits from a Health Worker on request.