

Question on Notice
No. 443
Asked on 11 March 2010

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise for each of the four public hospitals offering radiation therapy services (reported separately) –

- (1) How many full-time equivalent radiation therapists were employed as at 31 December 2009, 31 December 2008 and 31 December 2007 (reported separately)?
- (2) How many vacancies for radiation therapists were there as at 31 December 2009, 31 December 2008 and 31 December 2007 (reported separately)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Caloundra for his question.

I am advised that Queensland Health does not hold staffing data in relation to the Mater Hospital.

I am further advised, the number of full-time equivalent radiation therapists employed in public hospitals providing radiation therapy services is as follows:

Hospital	MOHRI Occupied FTE[†]		
	Dec 2007	Dec 2008	Dec 2009
Princess Alexandra Hospital	82.90	90.30	95.70
Townsville Hospital	33.99	33.84	37.26
Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital	71.20	70.70	75.20

In relation to vacancies, I am advised as follows:

Hospital	11 January 2008 FTE	7 January 2009 FTE	6 January 2010 FTE
Princess Alexandra Hospital	4.2	3.9	1.4
Townsville Hospital	0.0	3.0	3.0
Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital	0.0	0.0	6.0*

I am further advised the 6 vacancies reported at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital in January 2010 is misleading when compared to previous years, due to the changeover of Graduate Radiation Therapists completing professional development. As at March 2010, the number is down to 2.5 FTE.