

Question on Notice
No. 473
Asked on 11 March 2010

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

QUESTION:

Why won't Royal Brisbane Hospital accept patients brought in by Careflight from Norfolk Island when Norfolk Island is part of Australia and these people are mostly Australian citizens?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Burdekin for her question.

I am advised that the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital does not refuse treatment to people from Norfolk Island and if they are taken there by Careflight, appropriate care is provided.

I am further advised that retrievals from Norfolk Island are generally conducted by Careflight NSW, with repatriation back to Sydney. Careflight Qld is not usually involved.

If there has been a specific incident that has formed the basis of the Member's question, I would be pleased to have the matter investigated.