

Question on Notice
No. 539
Asked on 24 March 2010

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

QUESTION:

How many Severity Assessment Code 1 incidents involving death or permanent loss of function were identified and reported for Nambour General Hospital in 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 to date (reported separately) and how many of these related to incidents involving the hospital's emergency department (reported separately for each year)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Nicklin for his question

I am advised that for the periods 2007-08, 2008/09 and 2009/10 (to 28 February 2010), there were 0, 8 and 8 SAC1 events respectively, of which 0, 0 and 4 related to the Emergency Department across these periods. In each year, this represented fewer than 0.00003% of admissions.

I am advised that since it was introduced in 2005, clinical incident reporting has steadily increased across all hospitals in Queensland as the culture of reporting has grown. Queensland Health has devoted resources to educating and training staff on the importance of self-reporting.

I am advised the increase in incidents reported in PRIME over recent years is broadly consistent with increased reporting across Queensland.