

Question on Notice
No. 543
Asked on 24 March 2010

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the letter I sent to the department and the Medical Board on 22 March 2010 about allegations that an overseas trained doctor at the Bundaberg Base Hospital misdiagnosed a miscarriage and then failed to follow normal early stage pregnancy protocol and wrongly prescribed an abortion drug which after being taken by the mother failed to abort her healthy foetus—

Will the Minister give a guarantee that (a) the mother and her baby will receive, at no expense to the family, the best possible private or public medical care available in Queensland, (b) the doctor who allegedly misdiagnosed the miscarriage is properly registered, qualified, supervised and investigated, (c) a full incident report is made and (d) no other Burnett/Bundaberg family using the hospital suffers because of a similar professional error?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Burnett for his question.

As the Member is well aware, I have responded publicly on this matter and a senior officer of the District has been in direct contact with the patient. I have also written to the Member in response to his letter.

As the Member knows, these matters have been referred by me to the Medical Board of Queensland and the Health Quality Complaints Commission for investigation. I do not propose to pre-empt those investigations by providing commentary on the matter.