Question on Notice No. 166 Asked on 9 March 2011

MR MOORHEAD asked the Minister for Health (MR WILSON)-

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the House how many more doctors, nurses and allied health professionals since 2005?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Waterford for his question.

The Bligh Government is providing more health services sooner across Queensland, and creating health jobs in the process. Since 2005, we have employed an additional 3044 doctors and 10,090 nurses.

At the last election the Government committed to creating an additional 3,500 jobs for nurses, doctors and allied health professionals over the following three years. We met that target after only two of the three years, and we continue to create more and more health jobs.

As at February 2011, there has been a net increase of 908 medical staff and 2,912 nursing staff from March 2009.