

Question on Notice
No. 220
Asked on 10 March 2011

MRS MILLER asked the Minister for Health (MR WILSON)-

QUESTION:

Will the Minister outline how Queensland Health officers assisted the Goodna community during the recent flood disaster?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Bundamba for her question.

Queensland Health arrived in Queen Street Goodna on 15 January 2011 when the roads had re-opened to allow access to the area. It was noted that there were numerous residents and volunteers covered in mud, many with open wounds. A mobile tetanus clinic was established in lower Queen Street, on the same day, and approximately 220 tetanus injections were provided that afternoon and several people were provided with assistance in relation to wounds.

On 16 January 2011, Queensland Health staff set up the mobile tetanus clinic again where approximately a further 400 injections were provided. A wound clinic was established at the Goodna Community Health facility.

The mobile tetanus clinic was operated by Queensland Health from 17 to 23 January 2011 in Lower Queen Street, Goodna. More than, 2,200 tetanus injections were provided to residents, volunteers and contracted workers during this period.

Queensland Health provided nursing support for a local GP to operate a wound clinic from her private practice in Queen Street. Qualified nurses were rostered from 17 to 20 January 2011 inclusive.

During the week of 17 to 21 January 2011 inclusive, Queensland Health staff organised for a mini bus to be located at the Goodna Community Health facility to transport residents to their GP who had re-located to Collingwood Park.

Queensland Health also provided a number of other services, including:

- provision of supplies to St John's ambulance first aid station on Brisbane Terrace, lower Goodna and for the first aid station in lower Queen Street;
- deployment of social work staff to evacuation centres at the Shiloh Community Church from 17 January 2011 until the evacuation centre was officially closed;
- deployment of mental health staff and social work staff to the Goodna Recovery Centre daily from 21 until 28 January 2011; and

- rostering of nursing and social work staff, including indigenous health workers to staff immunisation vans deployed in the Goodna area in the week commencing 31 January 2011.

Furthermore, Queensland Health has an Integrated Mental Health team that operates from the Goodna Community Health Plaza. During the flood event members of the team that were able to access the hospital reported to the mental health unit to provide outreach support for affected clients.