

**Question on Notice
No. 458
Asked on 5 April 2011**

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the number of Patient Transit Subsidy Scheme (PTSS) applications currently awaiting processing to date and the average amount of time required in each district to process each PTSS payment (reported separately by Health Service District)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Warrego for his question.

I am advised that Queensland Health spent approximately \$45 million on the Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme (PTSS) in the 2009-2010:

Queensland invests more in PTSS than any other State or Territory.

Queensland Health has spent more on PTSS than any other State or Territory Scheme intended to provide financial subsidy for travel and accommodation costs only, not to reimburse and cover all costs.

The Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme is administered by individual Health Service Districts, and in some cases, individual public hospitals. Therefore the information sought by the Member is not centrally available and to compile it would divert hospital staff from their duties.

However, Queensland Health has set a standard that PTSS subsidy payments should be settled within 30 days from the time the completed application form is submitted.