

Question on Notice
No. 695
Asked on 12 May 2011

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Bundaberg Base Hospital and the answer to Question on Notice No. 190 of 2011 relating to the number of baby deaths recorded at the maternity unit -

Will the Minister detail for the last five years (reported separately and broken down into age groups 0 to 1 month, 1 month to 3 months and 3 months to 6 months) the total number of babies who have died?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Burnett for his question.

The death of any child is a particularly tragic event for any family and my sympathy goes to any parent who has experienced such as loss.

The question does not relate to any particular aspect of maternity services but to early childhood death and as such the Member may look at the Australian Bureau of Statistics information on mortality within his constituency.

The aetiology of deaths in these age groups in question have a wide range of causes and most are not related to any aspect of maternity care. Direct linkage to each episode of care to an outcome, such as mortality, requires a level of data linkage that is not permitted in Australia.