

Question on Notice
No. 705
Asked on 12 May 2011

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Gladstone Base Hospital

- (1) How many positions are currently allocated at the hospital for (a) paediatricians, (b) obstetrics/gynaecology, (c) surgeons, (d) midwives, (e) anaesthetics, (f) orthopaedics and (g) any other specialist roles?
- (2) Which positions are filled?
- (3) When were those unfilled positions advertised and in what media (listed separately)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Gladstone for her question.

This Government is delivering more services to Queenslanders, sooner and closer to home. That's why we are currently undertaking extensive planning processes for Gladstone Hospital, for the Central Queensland District and specifically for the growing industries of the Bowen Basin and Liquified Natural Gas.

I am advised by Central Queensland Health Service District that Gladstone Hospital has allocated medical specialist positions in paediatrics (1 FTE), obstetrics/gynaecology (1 FTE), surgery (1 FTE), midwifery (14.98 FTE) and general medicine (1 FTE). A senior medical officer with appropriate anaesthetic accreditation administers anaesthetics.

Orthopaedic surgery services for Central Queensland are currently provided from Rockhampton Hospital.

I am further advised that currently, the paediatrics, general medicine and all but 3.94 full time equivalent midwifery positions are filled.

Vacancies currently being filled have been advertised in the Health Services Bulletin, Work for Us, Smart Jobs, Seek and with the Royal Australian College of Surgeons and Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetrician and Gynaecologists.