

Question on Notice
No. 568
Asked on 20 August 2013

MRS SCOTT asked the Minister for Health (MR SPRINGBORG)-

QUESTION:

With reference to St Vincent's Private Hospital—

- (1) What clinical services have Queensland Health and its Hospital and Health Services contracted to the Hospital in 2011, 2012 and 2013 and for what cost?
- (2) What contracted services are planned for 2014?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Woodridge for her question.

Queensland Health has contracted services to St Vincent's Private Hospital since 1992.

There are presently two three-year service agreements with St Vincent's Hospital for the provision of publicly-funded clinical services. One agreement is for services purchased with State funding, and the other is for services purchased with Commonwealth funding. The total value of the agreements is \$48,616,370.

The State agreement commenced on 1 July 2011 (under the former Labor Government), and ends on 30 June 2014. Under this agreement, Queensland Health purchases the following clinical services: nursing home, rehabilitation care, general medicine, palliative care, and a palliative care service to the Wynnum Hospital. Each year, depending on the mix of services provided, this equates to approximately 21,000 bed days.

The Commonwealth agreement commenced on 1 August 2011 (under the former Federal Labor Government), and ends on 30 June 2014. Under this agreement, Queensland Health purchases a mix of subacute services in day Geriatric Evaluation and Management, inpatient overnight Geriatric Evaluation and Management, day rehabilitation care, and day palliative care. Depending on the mix of services provided, this equated to approximately 5,500 bed days in the first two years of the contract, and approximately 5,600 bed days in 2013-2014.

The agreements improve access to these service types for Queensland public patients. Any services to be purchased from St Vincent's Hospital from 1 July 2014 onwards will be reviewed and negotiated in early 2014.