

Question on Notice
No. 783
Asked on 30 October 2013

DR DOUGLAS asked the Minister for Health (MR SPRINGBORG)-

QUESTION:

Will the Minister explain why the percentage value of nursing staff sick leave for the Gold Coast Hospital/Gold Coast University Hospital, in the last six months has doubled and what measures are being taken to address the matter?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Gaven for his question.

I am advised that based on the standard calculation of nursing sick leave versus standard full time equivalent and data sourced from the Statewide system, there is no basis to the claim that sick leave for nursing staff at Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service has increased. In fact, data indicates there has been less sick leave since June 2013 than for the same period in 2012.

For the information of the Member, attached is comparative data from the Statewide system for the period January 2013 to September 2013 and the same time period in 2012.

ATTACHMENT

Percentage Nursing Sick Leave January – September 2013		Jan-13	Feb-13	Mar-13	Apr-13	May-13	Jun-13	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13
Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service Divisions	FTE: % Sick Leave v Standard - Nursing	2.74	2.69	2.77	3.07	3.21	2.76	3.24	3.13	2.67

Percentage Nursing Sick Leave January – September 2012		Jan-12	Feb-12	Mar-12	Apr-12	May-12	Jun-12	Jul-12	Aug-12	Sep-12
Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service Divisions	FTE: % Sick Leave v Standard - Nursing	2.76	2.42	2.72	3.03	3.17	3.44	3.59	3.76	3.35