

Question on Notice
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Asked on 11 February 2014

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

QUESTION:

What state funding is provided to university dental schools in Queensland for teaching and for clinical services and what are the key performance indicators for each school in 2012, 2013 and 2014?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Woodridge for her question.

The funding provided to the University of Queensland (UQ), Griffith University (GU) and James Cook University (JCU) under current funding Agreements is shown in the table below:

Year	UQ	GU	JCU	Total
2011-12	\$2.95M	\$2.95M	\$2.95M	\$8.85M
2012-13	\$2.95M	\$2.95M	\$3.55M	\$9.45M
2013-14	\$2.95M	\$2.95M	\$3.55M	\$9.45M

Under the Agreements, the Program involves the provision of funding for education, research and clinical services. With respect to clinical services, the funding will:

- support the clinical education and training of students enrolled in an accredited oral health program offered by recipient at the University campus and at other oral health clinics operated by the University;
- give students the opportunity to obtain relevant practical experience throughout different stages of their relevant oral health program by enabling them to treat patients in a clinical setting; and
- improve access to oral health services for patients who would normally be eligible for public patient oral health services delivered by Queensland Health.

The University must also use its reasonable endeavours to ensure it provides the minimum number of occasions of service to eligible patients as described in the Schedule to which this Agreement applies.

A summary of key performance indicators for dental school grant funding to UQ, GU and JCU for 2011 to 2014 is detailed in the attachment.

MILESTONES	KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
<p>A – Education</p> <p>Increase in the knowledge and skills of oral health professionals and related staff in Queensland so that they may deliver high quality and contemporary oral health care, oral health education and oral health promotion.</p>	<p>Activity A.1 Provision of Undergraduate and Postgraduate degree programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A.1.1 Evidence of accreditation of the University formal degree programs by the Australian Dental Council. ▪ A.1.2 Evidence of formal evaluations of the educational quality of programs and courses within the program on a systematic basis. ▪ A.1.3 Commitment to engaging external examiners as educational consultants on a regular basis to provide input into the development of its programs. <p>Activity A.2 Provision of Educational Initiatives and Continuing Professional Education courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A.2.1 Commitment to work in partnership with Queensland Health, and other relevant Government and non-government, industry-based organisations as appropriate, to offer a range of continuing professional education courses that reflect the needs of Queensland Health staff. <p>Activity A.3 Development of the oral health workforce in Queensland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A.3.1 Commitment to the continual addition to the workforce of oral health professionals including Dentists and Dental Specialists. ▪ A.3.2 Commitment to an increase in the number of Indigenous undergraduate students.
<p>B – Research</p> <p>Enhancement of the body and quality of the oral health knowledge base through the completion of high quality research</p>	<p>Activity B.1 Completion of discreet research projects undertaken by students as part of their award courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ B.1.1 Evidence of collaboration with Queensland Health and other collaborative parties to identify research topics of interest to public oral health services. ▪ B.1.2 Provision of abstracts of research undertaken by students.

<p>C – Clinical Services</p> <p>Continued prioritisation of treatment provided by pre-registration oral health students at the University Dental Clinics for patients who are eligible for publicly funded dental care.</p>	<p>Activity C.1 Coordinated patient care resulting from educational activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ C.1.1 The following number of Occasions of Services (OOS) are to be provided to Patients under this Agreement. These OOS will have been undertaken by pre-registration oral health students and the Patients will not have contributed any cost to their total standard course of care. <p>University of Queensland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 - 12,500 OOS (b) 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 - 12,500 OOS (c) 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 15,000 OOS <p>Griffith University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (d) 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 - 12,500 OOS (e) 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 - 12,500 OOS (f) 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 15,000 OOS <p>James Cook University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (g) 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 - 10,000 OOS (h) 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 - 12,500 OOS (i) 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 15,000 OOS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ C.1.2 Maintain a database of patient treatments undertaken by students at University Dental Clinics, and reporting from this on patient treatments (occasions of service) on a 6-monthly basis. ▪ C.1.3 The University will contribute its expertise to Queensland Health in developing and implementing policies designed to improve the oral health of Queenslanders.
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