

Question on Notice
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MS TRAD asked the Minister for Health (MR SPRINGBORG)-

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise (a) when each of the 16 Hospital and Health Services (HHS) established a patient safety and quality committee (listed separately) and (b) what resources have been allocated by each HHS to ensure that their planned patient safety and quality activities are implemented and reported?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for South Brisbane for her question.

As identified in the *Hospital and Health Boards Regulation 2012*, each Hospital and Health Board is required to have a safety and quality committee that monitors and promotes patient safety and quality, escalating to the Board any safety and quality matters.

I am advised that the Department of Health does not centrally hold details of when each of the committees was established or the resources allocated as this is managed locally by the Hospital and Health Services. If the Member has a specific Hospital and Health Service in mind, I would be more than happy to follow-up on that request for her.

The *Hospital and Health Boards Act 2011* identifies that the Department also has a role in monitoring and promoting patient safety and quality. The Department achieves this through:

- facilitation of the Patient Safety Board which monitors the performance of hospitals and initiates remedial action if a hospital does not meet the expected standard;
- conducting annual Queensland Bedside Audits and patient experience surveys;
- generation, dissemination and review of safety and quality indicators and reports;
- managing safety and quality information systems that collect important information on patient safety incidents and complaints to assist in identifying trends and learnings;
- providing staff and consumers with resources to improve patient safety; and
- dissemination of Patient Safety Alerts to provide timely advice on urgent or emerging issues.