

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 604**  
**Asked on 26 August 2014**

MR STEVENS asked the Minister for Health (MR SPRINGBORG)-

QUESTION:

With reference to the need for oncology patient transport travel to Gold Coast hospitals—

What support is available to oncology patients to access their regular treatment?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Mermaid Beach for his question.

There are a range of transport options available to support patients to access oncology treatment provided by the Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service (GCHHS), predominantly at the Gold Coast University Hospital (GCUH).

Community and volunteer organisations provide transport for GCHHS patients attending appointments for oncology and other medical treatments. Oncology patients attending appointments at GCUH are assisted to source appropriate transport options by Cancer Care Coordinators working in the oncology service. Organisations currently utilised by patients attending oncology appointments at GCUH include, but are not limited to:

- Transcord Community Transport Organisation
- Care and Concern
- Mount Tamborine Community Transport
- St Mary's Community Transport.

The GCHHS is happy to work with community and volunteer organisations in relation to transport options for patients.