

Question on Notice
No. 691
Asked on 17 July 2015

MR DE BRENNI asked the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services (HON C R DICK)—

Will the Minister inform the House of the change in the number of occasions of service that school nurses provided to school children in Metro South Hospital and Health Service during the period of March 2012 to January 2015?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Springwood for his question.

School services are provided in the Brisbane South region by the Children's Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service (CHQ HHS).

The individual occasions of service provided by school nurses for the following financial years are:

- 2012-13 – 7,972;
- 2013-14 – 2,027; and
- 2014-15 – 1,246.

I am advised that in 2014, CHQ HHS implemented a standardised Department of Health definition for an occasion of service. As a result, data may have decreased or increased according to whether or not the data aligned with the standardised data definition.

The Government has committed \$11.4 million over the forward estimates for the School Aged Health Service.