

Question on Notice

No. 1047

Asked on 4 September 2018

MRS D FRECKLINGTON asked the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services (HON DR S MILES) –

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise the budget and FTE allocation for the communications department of Queensland Health for 2018-19 and how this compares with previous years 2015-16 to 2017-18 (reported separately)?

ANSWER

Queensland Health communications staff are focussed on helping make Queenslanders healthier, helping them get the most out of the hospital and health system, and conveying information to doctors, nurses and other hard-working staff across the state.

FTE numbers for 2018-19 are not expected to change significantly from current allocations. The total number of communications staff (by FTE) is as follows:

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Department of Health	75.1	71.1	71.8
Hospital and Health Services	120.8	120.2	110.2
Total	195.9	191.3	182

The budget for the Department of Health communications activity has remained relatively steady since 2015 and is reducing as an overall proportion of the state's health budget. Almost all this budget is spent on behaviour change campaigns including immunisation, cancer screening, tobacco cessation and obesity.

The Budget for the Department of Health's communications branch is as follows:

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19 (budget)
Department of Health	\$22,289,269	\$24,290,721	\$20,752,746	\$24,624,364