

Question on Notice

No. 1235

Asked on 19 September 2018

MR M BERKMAN asked the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services (HON DR S MILES) –

QUESTION

With reference to maternity services—

Will the Minister advise (a) why the full process evaluation report of the National Maternity Services Plan (NMSP), led by Queensland Health has not been published, (b) why models of care and funding mechanisms were excluded from the terms of reference for the process evaluation of the NMSP, (c) whether an investigation into Queensland Health’s administration of the now discontinued National Framework for Maternity Services project was conducted, (d) if so, what was the outcome of the investigation and (e) whether the outcome of that investigation informed how the Commonwealth will lead the development of the National Strategic Approach to Maternity Services?

ANSWER

- (a) I am advised the Maternity Care Policy Working Group (MCPWG) resolved not to publish the process evaluation report to ensure those people participating in the evaluation felt comfortable providing honest feedback.
- (b) I am advised the terms of reference for the process evaluation were determined by the MCPWG. Decisions regarding models of care and funding are made locally and were therefore not considered relevant to the process evaluation.
- (c) No.
- (d) Not applicable.
- (e) Not applicable.