

Question on Notice

No. 894

Asked on 21 August 2018

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

QUESTION

Will the Minister outline the palliative care budget (and bed numbers) for each Hospital and Health Service (HHS) in 2018-19 and how this compares with 2017-18 (reported separately by year and HHS)?

ANSWER

Hospital and Health Service	2017/18		
	Beds Utilised	Designated Beds	Actual total
Cairns and Hinterland	8		\$3,065,218
Central Queensland	5	24	\$2,090,251
Central West			\$209,031
Children's Health Queensland	3		\$2,187,337
Darling Downs	9	4	\$2,937,709
Gold Coast	19	16	\$9,619,936
Mackay	2		\$1,021,015
Metro North	35	32	\$12,837,510
Metro South	48	18	\$38,089,812
North West	2		\$1,626,312
South West			\$530,697
Sunshine Coast	16	12	\$10,746,639
Torres and Cape			\$380,713
Townsville	13	20	\$5,598,678
West Moreton	9	13	\$4,378,890
Wide Bay	13		\$5,726,166
Grand Total	182	139	\$101,045,914

The overall palliative care funding for Queensland Hospital and Health Services has increased from approximately \$101 million in 2017/18 to an anticipated \$105 million for 2018/19.

HHSs routinely reallocate internal funding in response to patient need. Accordingly, the expenditure and bed numbers by individual Hospital and Health Services for 2018/19 cannot be provided at this time.

Torres and Cape, Central West and South West HHSs are block funded to provide hospital and health services. These HHSs provided palliative care services in

2017/18 as part of their overall budget allocation as per the figures in the table (actual spend).

The Department also contributes more than \$9.2 million for non-government organisations to deliver palliative care services.