

Question on Notice

No. 1731

Asked on 23 October 2019

MS F SIMPSON asked the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services (HON DR S MILES) –

QUESTION

Will the Health Minister advise for the Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service (reported separately for each of the last five financial years) (a) the actual expenditure spent on palliative care services and (b) the outcomes against performance measures to ensure the terminally ill have access to quality, culturally appropriate palliative care services regardless of where they live?

ANSWER

I refer to my responses to Questions on Notice Nos. 1352 and 1649 asked by the Member on 5 September and 17 October 2019 respectively.

The Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service (HHS) operates a specialist palliative care service that provides high quality, evidence based, coordinated, comprehensive and sustainable specialist palliative care through ongoing consultation, multidisciplinary assessment, treatment and education of people with a life limiting illness, their family and carers in a supportive environment.

Some end of life patients receive care in the hospital setting but outside designated palliative care units and may therefore not be captured as a palliative care patient for the purposes of reporting.

	Sunshine Coast HHS in-patient care	Sub-acute setting	Community setting
2017-18	772 patients (approx. \$6,495,737)	\$6,495,737	\$361,839
2018-19	855 patients (approx. \$6,672,861)	\$6,672,861	\$455,890