

## Question on Notice

No. 986

Asked on 13 June 2019

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

### QUESTION

With reference to the Queensland pharmacy prescribing trial—

Will the Minister advise (a) the scope of the trial and what S4 and S8 drugs will be included in the trial, (b) how the trial will be clinically assessed, given the absence of general practitioners and (c) why the government is undertaking the trial without Australian Medical Association support?

### ANSWER

The Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee (Committee) recently conducted an inquiry into the establishment of a pharmacy council and transfer of pharmacy ownership in Queensland.

The Committee's recommendations included that the Department of Health develop options to provide low-risk emergency and repeat prescriptions and low-risk vaccinations through pharmacies subject to a risk-minimisation framework.

The Government's response to the Committee's report accepted all 11 recommendations in full or in principle.

To address Committee's recommendation, the Department of Health will develop, implement and evaluate a state-wide trial to provide low risk emergency and repeat prescriptions for the contraceptive pill and antibiotics for urinary tract infections.

The scope of the trial, including evaluation activities, will be determined in consultation with stakeholders including the Australian Medical Association Queensland, Rural Doctors Association of Queensland, Pharmacy Guild, Pharmaceutical Society and Royal Australian College of General Practitioners.