

Question on Notice

No. 1297

Asked on 9 November 2022

MR M HART ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON Y D'ATH)—

QUESTION

With reference to the Queensland Health Rural Scholarship Scheme—

Will the Minister provide (a) the number of recipients with remaining return of service obligations, (b) the total value of debt outstanding as a result of termination of the recipients contract, (c) the total number of debtors and (d) the amount of debt written off?

ANSWER

The Queensland Health Rural Scholarship Scheme was established in 1997 to support health professionals to work in Queensland priority areas.

Between 1997 and 2013, scholarships were offered under this program.

I have been advised by the department:

- a) six scholarship recipients have remaining return of service obligations;
- b) the current total debt outstanding relevant to Queensland Health Rural Scholarship Scheme is \$382,808.04;
- c) the total debt relates to nine individuals; and
- d) \$1,485,898.09 total debt has been written off.

I am advised the written off debt relates to scholarship holders that had completed their service obligations in Queensland, however, there had previously been an incorrect interpretation with regards to the geographic requirements of the 'return of service' obligations.