

Question on Notice

No. 1337

Asked on 10 November 2022

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

QUESTION

With reference to the Queensland Health Bonded Medical 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 Bonded Medical Scholarship Scheme was established in 2005 to support medical students to work in Queensland Areas of Priority Services for six years following graduation.

The program concluded in 2013 as the limited number of Commonwealth funded scholarship places had been offered.

I have been advised by the department:

- a) five scholarship recipients have remaining return of service obligations;
- b) there is no current debt relevant to the Queensland Health Bonded Medical Scheme;
- c) there are no individual debtors; and
- d) \$348,297 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.