

Additional reporting requirements

native title/overseas travel/cost of boards

Native title

Queensland Health's Native Title Work Procedures, developed with Native Title Services in the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, were approved in September 1998. (Lead agency responsibility for native title issues passed to the Department of Natural Resources on 30 June 2002.)

Since that time, Queensland Health's Statewide Asset Management Services (SAMS) has completed native title assessment of a total of 68.5 per cent of departmental land holdings. Of that percentage, 86 per cent of sites have now been cleared of native title and the tenure converted to freehold.

The procedures were designed specifically to allow native title to be considered in all of the department's land and natural resource management activities.

For example, all dealings pertaining to land held by or on behalf of Queensland Health or any statutory body administered by the department must take native title into account before proceeding. These dealings include disposal, acquisition, development, redevelopment, clearing

Native title claims lodged in Queensland Health Service Districts 1 July 2002 – 30 June 2003

District	Number of claims
Bayside, Redcliffe-Caboolture, West Moreton, Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospitals, Royal Children's Hospital and Princess Alexandra Hospital	1
Cape York	1
Charleville	1
Charters Towers	4
Innisfail	2
Innisfail/Tablelands	1
Mt Isa	3
Total	13

and fencing land and the granting of leases, licences or permits to enter. Where native title continues to exist on Queensland Health land, dealings may proceed provided native titleholders receive procedural rights.

In accordance with State Government land policies, once native title over a particular holding is cleared, Queensland Health is required to convert the title to Crown Freehold.

However, land which exists as hospital reserves in Aboriginal Deed of Grant in Trust areas remains as hospital reserves and cannot be converted to Crown Freehold.

Overseas travel

In the health industry, travel by clinical and professional staff is critical to upgrade knowledge and skills, keep up with trends in health care particularly in relation to health systems and medical technology, and to transfer Queensland Health knowledge and expertise. Queensland Health staff made a total of 487 overseas trips during 2002-03, including travel for clinical staff who have an award-based entitlement.

Approximately 97 per cent of the trips were to attend conferences, congresses and seminars to present papers, or to participate in training, study tours and visits to international health facilities. The remaining three per cent of travel related to health administration and management outcomes.

Seventy-nine per cent of all trips (359) were for award-based travel with a total expenditure of \$1,518,219.77 and 138 trips were for non-award based travel at a cost of \$406,005.51, of which 59 per cent was from trust funds.

Funding sources for all travel comprised \$1,532,615.92 from operational budgets with 20 per cent of all costs for travel coming from trust funds.

Destinations	% of trips	Number of trips
North America	30	144
Europe	35	173
New Zealand	22	106
Asia	11	55
Africa	1	5
South America	1	4

Cost of boards

Statutory/non statutory	Total cost
District Health Councils	\$122,847.73
Hospital Foundations	\$0.00
Health Professional Registration Boards	\$404,132.00
Panels of Assessors	\$2,680.00
Other	
Health Practitioners Tribunal	
Health Rights Advisory Council	
Mental Health Court	
Mental Health Review Tribunal	
Professional Conduct Committee	
Queensland Institute of Medical Research Trust	
Queensland Nursing Council	
Radiation Advisory Council	
The Council of the Queensland Institute of Medical Research	\$1,550,568.28
Non statutory advisory bodies	
Health Promotion Queensland	
Rural Health Advisory Council	\$115,302.00
Total	\$2,195,529.90