

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 507**  
**Asked on 21 August 2012**

MR WELLINGTON asked the Minister for Health (MR SPRINGBORG)-

QUESTION:

With reference to the new Sunshine Coast Hospital Board—

Who is on the board and what local connection do the board members have with the region?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Nicklin for his question.

As the Member would be aware, the *Hospital and Health Boards Act 2011* (the Act) provides for the creation of 17 Hospital and Health Services which are statutory bodies and are independently and locally controlled by a Hospital and Health Board. The establishment of Hospital and Health Services is a key component of the Government's commitment to return healthcare decision-making to local communities.

Under the Act, a Hospital and Health Board is to consist of five or more members appointed by the Governor-in-Council, by gazette notice on the recommendation of the Minister.

I can advise the Member that the Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Board currently consists of seven members, as follows:

- The Board Chair is Emeritus Professor Paul Thomas AM. Professor Thomas was the inaugural Vice-Chancellor for the University of the Sunshine Coast from January 1996 until his retirement in 2010;
- Mr Bradley Elms is currently the Care Director for Eden Rehabilitation Centre in Cooroy and his career of more than 30 years spans health management service roles in hospitals, community health services and mental health facilities in both the public and private sectors;
- Dr Lorraine Ferguson AM is a respected educator, experienced executive and board member, and author of numerous published works on healthcare reform, clinical management and nursing;
- Dr Martine Pop possesses extensive commercial law, risk management, corporate governance, credit risk management, audit and change management expertise at executive level in both Europe and Australia;
- Mr Peter Sullivan is currently Pro Vice-Chancellor (Corporate Services) and Chief Financial Officer, University of the Sunshine Coast, a position he has held since October 2009;
- Dr Mason Stevenson has more than 30 years of medical experience as a general practitioner, 22 of which have been spent practicing medicine in the Sunshine Coast region and is a former President of the Australian Medical Association Queensland Branch; and

- Dr Edward Weaver is currently Senior Medical Officer, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Nambour General Hospital and has been a private practitioner in obstetrics and gynaecology based in Nambour since 1990.

I understand all seven Board Members reside in the Sunshine Coast region.