



Speech by

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SUNSHINE COAST UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Mr BLEIJIE (Kawana—LNP) (12.00 pm): I would like to take this opportunity to raise a matter that for some reason the Minister for Health is either unable or unwilling to answer. Based on the performance of the Minister for Health, I suspect it is the latter. With respect to the delayed Sunshine Coast University Hospital, on 20 August 2009 I asked the minister by question on notice—

With reference to the Sunshine Coast University Hospital ... planning (project) board—

Have any members of the board been sacked, made redundant, transferred or 're-orientated' since the announcement that the SCUH would be delayed by up to two years and, if so, who and why?

The minister wrote back as follows—

That team, like any public service unit, experiences personnel changes from time to time.

On 8 October 2009 I asked the minister another question on notice—

With reference to the Sunshine Coast University Hospital project/planning board and the Minister's previous answer to my Question on Notice ... who is currently on the board ...

The answer was—

I refer the Member to my answer to Question on Notice ... in which I provided a response to these issues.

No, he did not. So on 24 November 2009 I asked the minister again—

When is the Sunshine Coast University Hospital project team being re-convened?

The minister answered—

As I have advised the member in more than one answer to his Questions on Notice in recent weeks, the project team continues its work to deliver the \$1.57 billion Sunshine Coast University Hospital.

The question remains unanswered. Having given up on the minister's ability to answer quite a simple question, I headed to the government website—Sunshine Coast University Hospital 'Getting Involved'. Apparently, as well as the project team there is a stakeholder advisory group involving members of the community. There are no other details and—a recurring theme for this—no names of the stakeholder group. What is interesting is the 'Getting Involved' information for members of the public, if they do want to get involved: 'Further information about how you can get involved will be available soon.' This is from the government website about the Sunshine Coast University Hospital. It was last updated on 31 March 2008. Two years ago the minister and his own department's website says that, if the Sunshine Coast community wants to get involved, wait two years. It is not acceptable.

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