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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Health, Infrastructure Projects

 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services) (9.42 am): I am pleased to report to the House that the overall value of approved health infrastructure projects in Queensland in the Department of Health's 2015-16 capital investment program is \$1.3 billion. This approved investment by the Palaszczuk government progresses a range of health infrastructure priorities throughout the state while creating hundreds of jobs. The works include hospitals, health centres, ambulance stations and vehicles, health technology, research and scientific services, mental health services and information and communication technologies.

Projects range from continuing works on the Sunshine Coast University Hospital to improvements to primary health centres on various Torres Strait islands. We will invest \$8.4 million in upgrading ambulance stations across the state including at Bundaberg, Collinsville, Kenilworth and Thursday Island. Other major capital works projects include the \$70 million Roma Hospital and the \$42 million emergency department at Gladstone as well as upgrades to Caloundra Hospital and the emergency department at Hervey Bay.

We are looking after our hardworking operational staff, too, upgrading their facilities across the state—from kitchen upgrades at Bundaberg Hospital to renovations at Winton to bathroom upgrades at Mareeba and a new laundry at Cunnamulla. During the past financial year alone, 46 capital construction or refurbishment projects were completed across Queensland. These include the Logan Hospital emergency department, paediatrics and rehabilitation unit expansion, the Townsville subacute facility, the Palm Island home and community care centre and the Injune multipurpose health service.

There will always be work to be done to ensure all our health facilities and services are up to date and fit for purpose, wherever they are situated. The Palaszczuk government is absolutely committed to building, renovating and improving health facilities throughout Queensland.