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Redcliffe Hospital

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence) (6.01 pm): Today I rise to share with the chamber exciting news: early works on the Redcliffe Hospital expansion are well underway. The Miles government is investing over \$1.1 billion into this critical piece of infrastructure for the Moreton Bay region whilst supporting over 2½ thousand local jobs during construction as well. This investment is a game changer for the health and wellbeing of our community. On completion, this will deliver over 200 additional beds—204 new beds in fact—five new operating theatres, ambulatory care and significant expansion of existing services, including birthing suites, endoscopy and a range of other clinical and support services. This will almost be doubling the size of the hospital. It is absolutely extraordinary. With that expansion, we need extra parking because where that building is going is where the ground-level parking is now, so we will be going up another three levels on the hospital car park as well. There has been some concern about the chimney stack and whether it was going. No, the chimney stack is staying. It is iconic and we cannot remove that, but we are thinking it needs a bit of a nice mural or something on it for the Redcliffe Peninsula.

This project is a testament to the Miles government's commitment to delivering gold standard health outcomes and supporting our essential frontline health workers. It will benefit not just the Moreton Bay city council—and I know that all of the elected members across Moreton Bay such as the members for Bancroft and Murrumba are very excited about this—but those across the bridge at Sandgate as well, because people from all over the north side come to the Redcliffe Hospital. It was wonderful to have the Premier and Minister Fentiman joining me at Redcliffe to announce this exciting stage of the project. I also want to acknowledge the amazing staff at Redcliffe Hospital who provide such a critical service each and every day. Their expertise and dedication are what makes Queensland's health system one of the best in the country.

The good news for Redcliffe Hospital does not end there, because the Redcliffe Hospital Auxiliary received almost \$35,000 in the recent round of Gambling Community Benefit Fund as well. The auxiliary has been supporting Redcliffe Hospital staff and patients for over 50 years, raising money through gift shop proceeds and donations, and it is pretty sure it is going to hit the \$1 million mark in its fundraising donations. This well-deserved grant will go towards the purchasing of new medical equipment and furniture, helping to improve health outcomes, making Redcliffe Hospital a better place for patients, visitors and staff. I congratulate the Redcliffe Hospital Auxiliary on its success and offer my sincere thanks for its many years of service to our hospital and community. I again thank all of the hospital staff for the amazing work they do and thank the Miles government for delivering this extraordinary health infrastructure for our region.