

Question on Notice
No. 774
Asked on 18 June 2004

MISS SIMPSON asked the Minister for Health (MR NUTALL)-

QUESTION:

With reference to health services on the Sunshine Coast-

- (1) Will he guarantee that the public will be consulted in regard to the location of a new Sunshine Coast health facility and the composition of its services?
- (2) Will he also guarantee that health services will not be removed from the key regional centre of Maroochydore but will be built up?

ANSWER:

- (1) The location of the new community campus will be informed by a number of factors including what services will be provided, availability of land, accessibility, capacity for future expansion, potential for collaboration with the private sector and other Government departments, as well as community consultation.

Queensland Health has recently engaged a project officer to undertake some of the community and service provider consultation required to plan the services that may be provided from this campus.

- (2) The planning for the community campus is being undertaken with the intent of making a range of services available closer to where people live than are currently provided only in a hospital setting. Comprehensive planning studies currently underway will guide the future development of services on the Sunshine Coast, including Maroochydore, to provide integrated, accessible, and sustainable health services.