

**Question on Notice
No. 726
Asked on 12 May 2005**

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

QUESTION:

With reference to his announced new Sunshine Coast Hospital which is to be operational in ten years—

- (1) What health services does he propose to deliver at the new hospital and how will these services impact on the current and projected health services to be delivered at the Nambour Tertiary Hospital?
- (2) How many medical and administrative staff does he anticipate will be employed at the new hospital when it is opened?
- (3) How many patients does he anticipate the new hospital will be able to service

ANSWER:

(1) The South East Queensland Infrastructure Plan and program 2005 – 2026 is a significant achievement for the state of Queensland in that it is making a ten years commitment to fund the necessary infrastructure that supports growth in South East Queensland. It also shows the governments intentions regarding planning infrastructure over the next twenty years.

The allocation for a new hospital for the Sunshine Coast has a budgetary commitment of \$500 million for the period 2009 -10 to 2014-15.

Detailed planning for the new facility is yet to commence. I undertake to inform the Member for Nicklin of progress in this regard as it occurs.

The importance of the allocation of an amount of this significance to meet the future needs of the Sunshine Coast is an achievement that I am proud of particularly when it is linked with the announcement of \$50 million for the expansion of the Caloundra Health Service and \$14.7 million for the Sunshine Coast Health Hub.

- (2) Given my statement concerning this stage of detailed planning, this level of information is not yet available.
- (3) Again, as per my first response, this level of information is not yet available however the detailed planning phase will include reference to service demand projections well into the future. These projections will be the basis of determining what style and size of facility is developed.