

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 1351**  
**Asked on 1 November 2006**

MS PALASZCZUK asked the Minister for Health (MR ROBERTSON)-

**QUESTION:**

With reference to the recent provision of \$1.5m by Queensland Health for the upgrade of the Inala Community Health Service—

What is the status of the renovations?

**ANSWER:**

The renovations commenced on 9 October 2006 and are to be carried out in four stages.

Stage 1 is the Indigenous Health Service Clinic upgrade on the Lower Ground Floor, which is scheduled for completion by 15 December 2006. The new clinical area for Indigenous Health will ensure that services are provided in a much more efficient manner and client friendly environment. This will lead to an increase in services available for the indigenous community.

Stages 2-4 is the Inala Health Centre General Practice (or Inala Primary Care as it is to be known as from 1 January 2007) upgrade on the Ground Floor. The upgrade is scheduled to commence on 18 December 2006 and be completed in March 2007.

Overall the upgrade will improve capabilities of services, access for clients to existing services and compliance with current building codes, Workplace Health and Safety and Disability Access requirements.

The most significant change will be in relation to the Inala Health Centre General Practice (IHCGP). It is proposed that the IHCGP will be set up as a separate identity to be known as Inala Primary Care (IPC) being overseen by the University of Queensland and Queensland Health. It is hoped that this will result in a high quality care for the residents of Inala and surrounding areas. In particular the focus will be on chronic disease management and will be looking at innovative ways to provide health care to sufferers of chronic diseases such as diabetes, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and cardio vascular disease. It is also hoped that with the increased number of available consulting rooms that it will be possible to entice medical specialists to provide consultancy services from the IPC area.