

Question on Notice
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MR DICKSON asked the Minister for Health (MR ROBERTSON)-

QUESTION:

Will he detail the program he has established for the planning and construction of the Sunshine Coast regional hospital at Kawana broken down by the following details: (a) schedule for community and local government consultation, (b) details of medical professionals being consulted or employed as advisers, (c) environmental and sustainable construction considerations, with particular consideration to the potential impacts of global warming and (d) current planning and construction schedule?

ANSWER:

Preceding the Government's announcement that contractual agreement has been reached over the new hospital site, there has been good planning outcomes to integrate the hospital with the massive investment being made by the Queensland Government in roads and public transport on the Sunshine Coast.

This has involved discussions with Caloundra City Council, the developer and other government agencies to progress development of the Kawana site and ensure the provision of supporting transport infrastructure for the hospital.

Consultants are currently undertaking an assessment which will underpin the site designation process and site master planning. Specialist technical reports and Environmentally Sustainable Design (ESD) principles will be incorporated as part of the siting for the hospital.

The new hospital will be the cornerstone of a major expansion of health services to meet the future health care needs of the fast-growing Sunshine Coast region, and is planned to be operational by 2014.

Responses to your specific questions follow.

- (a) Consultation with local government has commenced, and consultation strategies for community consultation will be implemented and aligned with overall program timing.
- (b) Queensland Health is exploring options for partnering with the private health sector in conjunction with the new hospital and as part of health service planning for the region. Appropriate clinical input has been made into the formation of the health service plan and clinical networks will continue to be involved as part of the planning process. A stakeholder reference group is being established which will consist of representatives of local government, local medical representation and other internal and external stakeholders.
- (c) Detailed consideration will be given during the design stage to environmental and sustainable construction considerations, which may include orientation of buildings on the site, design to minimise energy and water consumption, selection of materials, provision

of insulation, and other ESD considerations aimed at reducing both running costs and greenhouse emissions.

- (d) Queensland Health is currently progressing service planning for the new hospital at Kawana. The project program is currently being formulated to enable the hospital to be opened by 2014.