

Question on Notice
No. 5
Asked on 6 February 2007

MR McARDLE asked the Minister for Health (MR ROBERTSON)-

QUESTION:

With reference to the future of the Caloundra Hospital—

- (1) Will the services provided by the accident and emergency department be downgraded either before or after the opening of the new public hospital to be built at Kawana?
- (2) If the services are to be downgraded, which services are being considered for either downgrade or elimination and when will this occur?
- (3) As a consequence of the opening of the new public hospital at Kawana, what additional services will be provided to the Caloundra Hospital and when will such services be introduced?

ANSWER:

- (1&2) There will be no downgrading of services at Caloundra Hospital prior to the opening of the Kawana Hospital.
- (3) The opening of the hospital at Kawana is expected to significantly improve access to comprehensive acute care services for Caloundra residents.

Caloundra Hospital will continue to be an integral part of the Sunshine Coast Health Service District after Kawana Hospital opens, with an increased focus on ambulatory and community care services to complement acute tertiary services at Kawana.