

Question on Notice
No. 864
Asked on 6 June 2007

MR LANGBROEK asked the Minister for Health (MR ROBERTSON)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the proposed Queensland children's hospital at the Mater site—

- (1) Will he outline the site lease details for (a) the size of the site, (b) who the lease is with, (c) how long it is for, and (d) details of lease charges by lessor?
- (2) Will he confirm that, as part of the plan, the Royal Children's Hospital will be closed?

ANSWER:

- (1) The site identified for the new Queensland Children's Hospital at South Brisbane is currently the subject of negotiations with Mater Health Services and the Sisters of Mercy, as well as private land owners. Given these negotiations are on-going, it is too early to provide details. However I will be pleased to outline the specifics in relation to the size of the site, and the arrangements surrounding the land when discussions have been concluded and agreements reached.
- (2) The Queensland Children's Hospital Development will see the amalgamation of tertiary paediatric services from the Royal Children's Hospital, the Mater Children's Hospital and the Prince Charles Hospital into one new facility. As previously announced in the 2006 election campaign, this will necessitate the closure of the Royal Children's Hospital, and the Mater Children's Hospital, with services to be amalgamated and transferred to the new Queensland Children's Hospital. It is intended that the paediatric emergency department, with 20 supporting beds, will remain to ensure families on Brisbane's north side continue to have access to paediatric emergency after the new Queensland Children's Hospital is opened in 2011.