

Question on Notice
No. 1538
Asked on 28 October 2008

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

QUESTION:

What is the anticipated commencement date for service delivery from the Health Hub now being constructed at North Lakes?

ANSWER:

As you are aware health precincts are a new and ‘ground breaking’ approach to the provision of community-based health services in metropolitan and regional urban growth areas in Queensland. North Lakes Health Precinct is a 2006 State Government election commitment and will be one of the first facilities to be established in Queensland based on this new approach to health service delivery. The Health Precinct will offer services to support good health through all stages of life.

Detailed models of care that reflect the latest research have been developed in partnership with government and non-government organisations. Memorandums of Understanding are currently being finalised between Metro North Health Service District and General Practices to implement service coordinator positions as part of Primary Health Care Teams.

Integrated primary health and ambulatory care services will be provided to support healthier children and young people, manage chronic illness, promote mental wellness, promote good physical health and support healthy ageing.

Construction commenced in October 2007, on a Greenfield site within Stockland’s master development at North Lakes. This is a purpose built facility with an environmentally friendly design. Construction is on track for completion in May 2009, with services commencing from mid-August 2009 under a staged program. The North Lakes Health Precinct will provide services for the growing populations of Burpengary, Dakabin, Deception Bay, Griffin, Kallangur, Lawnton, Mango Hill, Murrumba Downs, Narangba, North Lakes and Petrie.