

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 1887**  
**Asked on 27 November 2008**

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

**QUESTION:**

Will he detail all Queensland Health ICT projects currently being developed including (a) stated purpose, (b) original estimated project cost and completion date, (c) revised project cost forecast and completion date, (d) reason for ICT project forecast revisions and (e) contractor and consultant costs (reported separately)?

**ANSWER:**

ICT is a major enabler to improve health services in Queensland. The challenge of an ageing population and the chronic disease tsunami that is approaching requires Queensland Health to work smarter, not just harder. The ICT projects currently being developed will help our dedicated clinicians to achieve more and help Queenslanders to look after their own health. These projects aim to improve health outcomes for patients in a wide range of areas including mental health, cancer treatment detection, oral health, and clinical settings including intensive care, emergency department and primary care.

As a result of changing priorities and rapid technological development, and the commencement of the eHealth strategy and implementation phases, projects have altered in scope throughout their planning phases.

Queensland Health ICT projects vary in complexity from providing enhanced telecommunication services to rural hospitals to development of the electronic discharge summary across the State.

If the Member would like to raise his queries regarding any particular ICT project, I would be happy to provide more detailed information.

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