

Question on Notice
No. 88
Asked on 14 February 2008

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the current extreme weather—

Will he outline the current position with construction of the Yeppoon Hospital and any revised projected construction schedule?

ANSWER:

The weather has indeed had substantial impact on the delivery of my Department's capital program including the Yeppoon Hospital project. An early works contract to excavate areas and import fill to construct building platforms was let on 17 October 2007. At that time the early works were expected to be completed by December. Unfortunately, continuing wet weather and worse than expected ground conditions meant that completion did not occur until 7 March 2008.

Delays caused by wet weather extend beyond the days of actual rain as the affected ground has to dry out to enable machinery to operate.

Tenders for the main building contract closed on 14 December 2007 and an announcement on the awarding of the contract is expected in the very near future.

Given the extensions of time granted to by the contractor for wet weather and latent conditions, the revised anticipated completion date for the overall project is now mid 2009.