

Question on Notice
No. 1208
Asked on 15 September 2009

DR DOUGLAS asked the Deputy Premier and Minister for Health (MR LUCAS)-

QUESTION:

With reference to the Gold Coast University Hospital opening in 2012—

- (1) How many designated obstetric theatres will there be?
- (2) Of the 750 planned beds, how many will be designated obstetric beds and how many will be designated gynaecological beds?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Gaven for his question.

- (1) The \$1.76 billion, 750 bed Gold Coast University Hospital is scheduled for completion at the end of 2012.

The new Hospital will commence with 16 operating theatres with provision to expand to 20 depending on demand.

The operating theatre suite is on the same level as the birthing unit to facilitate emergency transfer of obstetric patients with minimal travel distance.

The operating theatre plan provides for the flexible utilisation of eight emergency operating theatres to respond to all emergency cases including birthing. In addition to that capability it is planned that there be one operating theatre available for planned obstetric cases.

- (2) The designated obstetric beds to be included in the new Gold Coast University Hospital are 48 beds, with an additional six beds in the birthing centre and a further 12 beds available as delivery suites.

Gynaecology beds have not been specifically designated but are included in the overall beds available to support surgical services in the new Hospital.