

Question on Notice
No. 1490
Asked on 8 October 2009

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise about any government plans to provide more car parking space at the Redlands hospital and the anticipated date that construction will begin?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Cleveland for his question.

The determination of car parking requirements for public hospitals varies from site to site depending on a range of factors including the type and level of specialty of services offered at each facility. Public transport varies greatly between metropolitan, outer metropolitan and regional centres. This variance in public transport impacts on private transport use and is also incorporated into the need for parking requirements.

Queensland Health acquired vacant land, 5.045 hectares, adjacent to the Redland Hospital on 11 March 2009 to be used for the construction of the mental health unit and future possible extensions to the facility and car park.

To more accurately determine car park use and requirements, Queensland Health has, for recent projects, engaged traffic consultants to undertake traffic studies. Such traffic study considers a broad range of information including:

- Out-patient data including average duration and arrival times;
- Inpatients/Emergency Department visitors to admitted patients;
- Admitted patients including number of beds and visitors;
- Peak staff parking demand;
- Additional activities at the hospitals such as university, research, laboratories and ancillary health; and
- The availability of parking alternatives including commercial car parks.