

Question on Notice
No. 234
Asked on 10 March 2011

MS SIMPSON asked the Minister for Health (MR WILSON)-

QUESTION:

With reference to the planned Sunshine Coast health precinct near Dalton Drive in Maroochydore -

- (1) How much has the State Government paid for the land and how much has been spent on planning work?
- (2) What are the services proposed to be offered from this facility?
- (3) What is the proposed timeframe for delivery of the project?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Maroochydore for her question.

The Member ought to be aware that the Government has made a number of public statements regarding this project. The former Minister for Health made the Government's position very clear in a press conference as early as October 2009.

Queensland Health has obtained land for a future health facility at Maroochydore, at a cost of \$17 million. No further planning costs have been incurred exclusively for the site, as service planning has coincided with a broader plan for the region.

As the Member ought to be aware, the Government has announced, planned and commenced the expression of interest process for the Sunshine Coast University Hospital and co-located private hospital since the Sunshine Coast health precinct was first planned.

The Sunshine Coast University Hospital and co-located private hospital remain the immediate and primary focus for the Government. Just this week, the Government announced a preferred tenderer for the private hospital – with work to commence later this year- and opened expressions of interest for the University Hospital PPP.