

Question on Notice
No. 829
Asked on 25 May 2011

MR CRANDON asked the Minister for Health (MR WILSON)-

QUESTION:

Will the Minister confirm what neonatal services will be provided at the Queensland Children's Hospital?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Coomera for his question.

As the Member ought to be aware, last year the Government announced a new Neonatal Intensive Care (NICU) service on the Gold Coast. The service will ensure Gold Coast mothers – including mothers in the Member's electorate- have access to NICU services sooner and closer to home.

NICU services are also available at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital – which is one of Queensland's major maternity hospitals - and the Mater Mother's Hospital, the largest maternity service in Queensland. The NICU service at Mater Mother's Hospital is immediately adjacent to the site of the new Queensland Children's Hospital, ensuring immediate access between Queensland's leading children's health services and Queensland's largest maternity services.

I refer the Member to the Ministerial Statement delivered in the Parliament by the former Health Minister on 16 September 2009 regarding these matters.

Further, the Queensland Children's Hospital will be the leading centre for all children's health services in Queensland. Specialists at the Queensland Children's Hospital will provide a full range of specialty paediatric services to children of all ages.

The list of world-class specialist children's health services which will be provided at the brand new, Queensland Children's Hospital is extensive – from world-class paediatric oncology services to Queensland's leading children's orthopaedic surgery, and much more.