

**Question on Notice
No. 567
Asked on 20 August 2013**

MRS MILLER asked the Minister for Health (MR SPRINGBORG)-

QUESTION:

With reference to the 750 beds at the Gold Coast University Hospital—

- (1) How many beds are to be leased, to which private hospital and under what terms?
- (2) When will these beds be returned to the public management or will the hospital be leased entirely to the successful tendering private hospital corporation?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Bundamba for her question.

The procurement process for the potential utilisation of facilities at Gold Coast University Hospital (GCUH) is currently underway. This provides an opportunity for the private sector to use the space for the provision of health services in the Gold Coast region.

The procurement process considers a lease of between 80 and 156 inpatient beds. The determination of the private service provider and the terms under which the facilities are to be leased, is not yet known as the procurement process is still underway.

Under the current procurement process the beds are expected to be vacated by the private provider in December 2015, and will then be available for public hospital use.