Question on Notice No. 727 Asked on 17 October 2013

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

QUESTION:

With reference to Gladstone Base Hospital -

- (1) What capital works have been carried out in the last five years (listed separately)?
- (2) What future capital works are proposed for the next two years and will these be funded by the Health Board or government?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Gladstone for her question.

In response to your question, I am advised as follows:

- (1) Capital works completed at Gladstone Hospital in the last two years at an approximate cost of \$700,000 include:
 - Building Management System upgrade for better control of the chillers and therefore patient comfort;
 - Breastscreen Satellite Unit close to the front entrance for easy access by women;
 - Renal Dialysis Satellite Unit funded by industry donation; and
 - complete upgrade of the duress system for the hospital.

Between 2007 and 2010, State funded capital works were completed to relocate community, oral and mental health services to the main Hospital Campus, which included a new community health building and a oral health facility.

Industry funded works currently progressing include:

- High Dependency Unit upgrade, at a projected cost of \$1 million; and
- Theatre upgrade, at a projected cost of \$1 million.
- (2) The following capital works are proposed for Gladstone Hospital in the next two years totalling approximately \$7 million:
 - electrical upgrade for all essential and non-essential power in the hospital;
 - lift upgrades; and
 - hydraulics audit and relevant rectification works.

\$1.9 million is allocated to Gladstone Hospital for some elements of these works through to the 2016-17 financial year to address the items considered as maintenance.

Capital funding for remaining scope is yet to be determined. Departmental funding for some items may be provided where the proposed works meet investment criteria.