

Question on Notice
No. 139
Asked on 6 March 2014

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the projected growth in population in Queensland in coming years and the need to maintain relative levels of services—

Will the Minister advise (a) the number of hospital beds currently available in Queensland public hospitals (as at 6 March 2014, listed by HHS), (b) the projected number of hospital beds on 1 January 2015 (by HHS), (c) the projected number of hospital beds on 1 January 2016 (by HHS) and (d) the projected number of hospital beds on 1 January 2017 (by HHS)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Bundamba for her question.

I am advised that as at the end of January 2014, the number of available beds and available bed alternatives in Queensland public hospitals was 10,890.

I am further advised that the forecast number of beds and bed alternatives in Queensland public hospitals is 11,550 by 1 January 2015, 11,716 by 1 January 2016, and 12,166 by 1 January 2017. The responsibility for determination of timing for operationalising additional beds within future capacity areas is that of respective Hospital and Health Services and may be dependent on service requirements, future expansion needs etc.