

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 170**  
**Asked on 18 March 2014**

MR COSTIGAN asked the Minister for Health (MR SPRINGBORG)-

QUESTION:

Will the Minister update the House on the redevelopment of the Mackay Base Hospital, particularly in relation to new services being introduced to the hospital?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Whitsunday for his question.

The redevelopment of the Mackay Base Hospital is expected to be completed by the end of January 2015, weather permitting. Stage 3 of the project is underway with the new A Block and refurbished B Block expected to be handed over in September.

A Block will contain the new front entry as well as specialist outpatient clinics, administration, haemodialysis and oncology units, patient bookings and special care nursery. It will also include a retail space, staff retreat and a public cafeteria.

Included in the Stage 3 works is the refurbishment of Block B which is the existing Women's and Children's inpatient unit which was constructed in 1999.

Following completion of Stage 3 works the Managing Contractor will complete all remaining roadwork and car parks as well as final fit out of Block K which is the stand alone Education and Skills Centre.

The redeveloped hospital includes new services that mean many people no longer have to travel to Townsville or Brisbane for care. The MRI Suite, Cardiac Catheter Laboratory and separate Cardiac Care Unit are already treating patients. The new facility has extra theatres for day procedures and will also feature a short stay unit and expanded specialist rehabilitation services.

Technology has also played a major part in the newly redeveloped hospital with state of the art security and energy saving systems and wifi across the campus.

When completed the newly redeveloped hospital will deliver state of the art medical and surgical services to the people of Mackay and surrounding areas and will allow expansion of clinical services into the future.