

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 454**  
**Asked on 3 June 2014**

MS BARTON asked the Minister for Health (MR SPRINGBORG)-

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise of government initiatives in women's health of benefit to residents of the Broadwater Electorate?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Broadwater for her question.

I have been advised by the Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service of the following women's health initiatives in the Broadwater Electorate:

- Gynaecology long wait project - urogynaecological initiatives to reduce waiting periods including introduction of weekend clinics as follows:
  - Pelvic Pain Clinics
  - Menstrual Disorders Clinic;
- transfer of Early Pregnancy and Management Services (EPAMS) - now located in Women's and Newborn Services incorporating all aspects of care for birthing families in a convenient service location;
- establishment of Eligible Private Practising Midwives service – 11 private practising midwives providing increased continuity of care to birthing families from ante natal needs through to post birth care;
- Maternal Foetal Medicine (MFM) - Gold Coast University Hospital has established a MFM service for high risk pregnant women involving significant maternal and/or foetal disease. This has the benefit of reducing the need to transfer women out of the local area to tertiary Brisbane hospitals for both diagnostic and therapeutic reasons;
- Newborn Care Unit – Establishment of additional Neonatal Intensive Care Unit cots to eight cots, with management of care from 26 weeks onwards, reducing the number of transfers to tertiary Brisbane hospitals; and
- Maternity Home Visiting Team and Early Childhood Services Home Visiting Team – part of Mums and Bubs initiative – follow up in the home initially week one through the hospital based Maternity Home Visiting Team and in the following week via the Early Childhood Services Home Visiting Team.