

Question on Notice
No. 518
Asked on 14 July 2015

MR RICKUSS asked the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services (HON C R DICK)—

For each Queensland Health and Queensland Ambulance Service property or facility will the Minister provide (a) the value of scheduled maintenance works for 2015-16, by facility, including a brief description of the works to be undertaken, and (b) the value of scheduled capital works for 2015-16, by facility, including a brief description of the works to be undertaken?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Lockyer for his question.

The Palaszczuk Government believes that in a decentralised State like Queensland, Government building projects help deliver employment when and where it is most needed.

The 2015-16 State Budget, released on 14 July 2015 by the Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, the Honourable Curtis Pitt MP, includes an estimated \$10.1 billion spend on infrastructure across Queensland this financial year, supporting an estimated 27,500 direct jobs.

As the Treasurer outlined in his budget speech, this year's capital works budget is higher by nearly \$400 million, compared to the estimated actual spend last year.

Key capital and maintenance works planned within my portfolio for 2015-16 include:

- the Enhancing Regional Hospitals program;
- continued delivery of the Sunshine Coast Public University Hospital; and
- completion of the Cairns Hospital Redevelopment.

For more details relating to these and other planned works, I refer the Honourable Member to the publicly available 2015-16 State Budget Papers, in particular Budget Paper No.3 titled *Capital Statement* and to my department's Service Delivery Statement.

While I do not believe that it would be practicable, nor would it be reasonable, to divert the resources of my department to outline every single individual work in this answer as requested in the Member's question, if the Member has a specific question about work at a specific facility then I would be more than happy to seek the information.