

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 1433**  
**Asked on 30 August 2016**

MR SORENSEN asked the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services (HON C R DICK) –

Will the Minister advise what date is the work expected to start on the extension to the Hervey Bay Hospital Accident and Emergency facilities?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Hervey Bay for his question.

Funding for the redevelopment of the Hervey Bay Hospital emergency department was announced in the 2015-2016 State Budget, as part of the Government's \$180 million Enhancing Regional Hospitals Program.

Since that time, significant work has been undertaken to bring this project to readiness. I am pleased to advise that the development of the business case has been finalised, and that the construction procurement stage will commence very shortly, so that early works can commence without delay.

This important project will provide modern health facilities for the people of Hervey Bay and support growth in the region. The new facilities will address Hervey Bay Hospital's emergency department capacity issues and meet the steadily increasing demand for healthcare now and into the future.