

Question on Notice

No. 123

Asked on 7 March 2018

MR E SORENSEN asked the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services (HON DR S MILES)—

QUESTION

With reference to advancements in digital information and smart technology (such as facial recognition and fingerprint recognition)—

Will the Minister advise when the government will revolutionise Queensland Health's medical patient records?

ANSWER

I thank the Member for his question.

The Palaszczuk Government is revolutionising medical patient records and leading digital healthcare innovation in Australia.

The introduction of the Digital Hospital Program and implementation of the integrated electronic medical record (ieMR) is one of the Queensland Government's biggest successes so far.

The Princess Alexandra Hospital became Australia's first large digital hospital in November 2015.

The Palaszczuk Government will invest in 27 digital hospitals across all 16 Hospital and Health Services by 2020.

The ieMR will deliver a shared electronic medical record across Queensland Health facilities—one patient, one digital record—instead of using paper files. A digital health record enables clinicians and service providers to spend less time doing paperwork and more time with patients.

New digital bedside patient monitoring devices automatically upload vital signs and observations—such as blood pressure, temperature and heart rate—directly to a secure electronic medical record.

Printed patient identity wristbands with unique bar codes replace hand written wristbands to ensure accurate patient identification.

Queensland Health digital hospitals will also enable new technologies and innovations including advanced imaging, genomics, microbiomics, synthetic biology, nanotechnology, advanced analytics, 3D printing and robotics.