

Question on Notice

No. 1427

Asked on 18 October 2018

MRS B LAUGA asked the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services (HON DR S MILES) –

QUESTION

Will the Minister provide an update on the Palaszczuk Government's \$14.2 million 42 bed ice, alcohol and other drugs detox and rehabilitation facility for Rockhampton?

ANSWER

As the Member is aware, the Palaszczuk Government is investing \$14.3 million to deliver the 42-bed residential drug rehabilitation and treatment facility in Rockhampton to improve access to specialist alcohol and other drug services for Central Queenslanders.

The facility will also help meet the needs of people not only living in Rockhampton and Central Queensland, but nearby regions including Mackay, Wide Bay and Central West.

The facility will include 32 residential rehabilitation beds, 8 withdrawal (detox) beds, 2 family units (to accommodate parents and children), and capacity for non-residential rehabilitation (day programs).

Currently, the Department of Health and Central Queensland Hospital and Health Service are progressing identification and acquisition of a suitable site for the facility in Rockhampton.

Stakeholder consultation has commenced including with local service providers in the Rockhampton region. Further consultation with local stakeholders will be conducted as the project progresses.

In addition, a detailed Business Case is being drafted that includes functional area requirements for the services to be delivered from the facility, concepts and designs, as well as costs and timeframes.

Detailed design is expected in 2019, with construction planned for 2020. Service delivery is expected to commence from the facility in late 2020.

The facility will be owned by the Central Queensland Hospital and Health Service and operated by a specialist alcohol and other drug non-government organisation treatment provider under contract with the Department.