

## **Question on Notice**

No. 593

Asked on 16 May 2018

**MR M HUNT** asked the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services (HON DR S MILES)—

### **QUESTION**

With reference to the stress caused to local business by the removal of 1800 staff from the Nambour Hospital in March last year—

Will the Minister outline how many of those staff will be returning and a timetable for their return?

### **ANSWER**

The Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service (HHS) released its Health Service Plan under the Newman LNP Government for public consultation in 2013. The plan articulated the changed role of Nambour General Hospital given the realities of the creation of a new tertiary hospital within the HHS.

To ensure the safe opening of Sunshine Coast University Hospital (SCUH), services at Nambour General Hospital were deliberately expanded to assist with the development of services that would be transferred to SCUH. Approximately 1800 staff transitioned to SCUH when patient services commenced in March 2017.

The Palaszczuk Government is providing \$86.2 million to redevelop the Nambour General Hospital and grow capacity to meet the needs of a growing and ageing population. The Sunshine Coast HHS will undertake detailed workforce planning to determine the appropriate level of staffing at the hospital.

I look forward to the Member welcoming the Palaszczuk Government's investment in Nambour General Hospital.