

## **Question on Notice**

No. 630

Asked on 16 May 2018

**MR R KATTER** asked the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services (HON DR S MILES) –

### **QUESTION**

With reference to the desperate need for improved hospital facilities in Charters Towers, which has had few significant improvements since the 1940s, where up to 18 patients share a bathroom and there are no dialysis, birthing or other crucial facilities—

Will the Minister advise (a) the plan for the hospital and (b) will he commit to funding improvements identified during the ongoing consultation process into this issue?

### **ANSWER**

I am advised that the Townsville Hospital and Health Service has developed options and undertaken conceptual level design on its preferred redevelopment approach at Charters Towers. The next step will be to undertake further stakeholder engagement, including with community groups and service users.