

Question on Notice

No. 632

Asked on 16 May 2018

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

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise (a) if the Palaszczuk Government will reallocate its contribution to supported places for students at the new medical school at the Sunshine Coast University Hospital to Bloomhill Cancer Care and (b) if so, whether the Palaszczuk Government will accept the Federal Government's offer to fund 100 percent of the costs associated with the provision of 15 additional Commonwealth supported places for students at the Sunshine Coast University Hospital?

ANSWER

The Federal Government is responsible for funding Commonwealth supported places in all courses of study including medicine.

Notwithstanding this, in late 2015 the Palaszczuk Government committed to fund half the cost of the medical student places at the new Sunshine Coast University Hospital (SCUH) medical school until it is fully operational in 2020.

The Palaszczuk Government's commitment remains despite the fact that the Federal Government reallocated 15 existing medical student places to SCUH from other universities, and it therefore had no impact on Commonwealth resources.