

Question on Notice

No. 998

Asked on 23 August 2018

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

QUESTION

With reference to Cairns Base Hospital where cardiac investigation of heart attacks can take up to nine days to complete—

Will the Minister confirm the matched contribution announced on 21 December 2017 of \$1.4m has been made to the Far North Queensland Hospital Foundation to allow the opening of a second cardiac catheterisation laboratory later this year?

ANSWER

The Palaszczuk Government has delivered on its election commitment to provide \$1.4 million for the new \$2.8 million cardiac catheterisation laboratory at the Cairns Hospital. This funding was committed in the 2018-19 Budget from the Emergent Works Program, and matches the \$1.4 million raised through the Far North Queensland Hospital Foundation for the project.

The cardiac catheterisation laboratory is highly technical and specialised, and is being built according to the specific requirement of clinicians. It is essentially purpose-built.

With the concept design and tender process underway, the second cardiac catheterisation laboratory is expected to open in 2019.