

Question on Notice

No. 146

Asked on 26 February 2019

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

QUESTION

With reference to the demonstrated need and demand and the ongoing community calls to establish a satellite dialysis unit at Charters Towers Hospital—

Will the Minister advise (a) if Defence helicopters had to be flown in to Charters Towers to fly dialysis patients to Home Hill for treatment during the region's recent floods and (b) the State Government's plan to deliver satellite dialysis services to more rural communities?

ANSWER

- (a) I am advised that due to demand issues at The Townsville Hospital during the flood event, a decision was made to transfer the four Charters Towers patients who receive haemodialysis at The Townsville Hospital to Home Hill for treatment.
- (b) The Palaszczuk Government is investing \$20 million over four years from 2018-19 to deliver expanded renal services closer to home for people living in North Queensland.