

Question on Notice

No. 1601

Asked on 16 October 2019

MS A LEAHY asked the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services (HON DR S MILES) –

QUESTION

With reference to the CT Scanners based at major hospitals, such as but not limited to, the Royal Brisbane Hospital—

Will the Minister advise (a) of the replacement schedule of all hospital CT scanners and (b) over the last five years what the government has done with any surplus to requirement CT scanners?

ANSWER

The Palaszczuk Government continues to invest in new and better imaging equipment around the state.

In the last five years, we have bought new CT scanners to replace old ones as follows:

| Facility | Number |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| The Townsville Hospital | 3 |
| Cairns Hospital | 2 |
| Toowoomba Hospital | 1 |
| Bundaberg Hospital | 1 |
| Hervey Bay Hospital | 1 |
| Robina Hospital | 1 |
| Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital | 5 |
| The Prince Charles Hospital | 1 |
| Princess Alexandra Hospital | 2 |
| Mackay Hospital | 1 |
| Gold Coast University Hospital | 1 |
| Atherton Hospital | 1 |
| Innisfail Hospital | 1 |
| Nambour Hospital | 1 |
| Rockhampton Hospital | 1 |
| Total | 23 |

CT scanners are replaced as they reach the end of their useful life. This is determined by a number of factors including age, obsolescence, maintenance costs, service delivery requirements, clinical relevance and financial life.

Nine scanners were sold to external buyers, with the remaining traded in against the purchase price of the new scanners.