

Question on Notice

No. 1793

Asked on 24 October 2019

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

QUESTION

With reference to the works being undertaken at Warwick Hospital by FKG Group—

Will the Minister advise (a) the purpose of the works (b) what systems and equipment are to be installed and (c) what existing systems and equipment are currently not compliant with applicable standards?

ANSWER

- (a) The purpose of the \$2.2 million works is to upgrade the fire and smoke walls within the Warwick Hospital to ensure the hospital is compliant with new building code standards.
- (b) The fire infrastructure upgrade includes new fire walls, smoke walls, smoke extraction systems and reprogramming of the fire indication panel.
- (c) The Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service has been working closely with Queensland Fire and Emergency Services, as part of an ongoing continuous improvement program, to ensure Warwick Hospital meets current standards. Changes to the Building Code of Australia now require a zone smoke control system to be in place.

This upgrade complements the recent improvements to Warwick Hospital which have included \$526,000 to upgrade water infrastructure, \$1.1 million to refurbish the kitchen, and \$3 million to extend and upgrade the Emergency Department. In addition, \$350,000 of work will soon be commenced to install water tanks as a water security measure.