

Question on Notice

No. 1942

Asked on 28 November 2019

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

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise how many days the cardiac catheter laboratory at the Cairns Hospital has been on bypass (the number of days not operational) since November 2017?

ANSWER

I am advised that the number of days the cardiac catheter laboratory at Cairns Hospital was not operational from 0800-1630 Monday – Friday (excluding public holidays), since November 2017 is two.

This government understands that health services are central to our regions which is why we are investing in regional healthcare. I was pleased to be in Cairns on 29 October 2019 with the Member for Cairns Michael Healy and the Member for Mulgrave Curtis Pitt to officially open two new Cardiac Catheter Laboratories at the Cairns Hospital.

This \$2.8 million project, jointly funded by the State Government and Far North Queensland Hospital Foundation, will allow more than 600 cardiac patients to be seen next year. The new facility expands the Hospital's capacity to treat cardiac patients closer to home and means patients are seen quicker and in many cases, don't need to travel to Townsville or Brisbane for treatment.