

Question on Notice

No. 1951

Asked on 28 November 2019

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

QUESTION

With reference to the timing of treatment for patients presenting with stroke symptoms, including performing CT scans –

Will the Minister commit to evaluating the need for a CT Scanner at Ingham Hospital in order to offer diagnosis and treatment for patients, such as stroke victims, where time is critical and directly linked to achieving good patient outcomes?

ANSWER

The Townsville Hospital and Health Service (HHS) has undertaken a Rural Master Planning project, which included the Ingham Hospital site, and has conducted an independent review regarding the requirements and model of care for installation of Computed Tomography (CT) scanners within Townsville HHS rural sites.

Planning goes through a number of phases, including master planning, concept and business case evaluation, before any decision is made. This work helps to ensure Queensland Health delivers the right services in the right place, both now and into the future.