

## **Question on Notice**

No. 67

Asked on 13 February 2019

**MR L MILLAR** asked the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services (HON DR S MILES) –

### **QUESTION**

Will the Minister advise (a) how many hospital beds on the Central Highlands are available for mental health patients from the Central Highlands requiring in-hospital suicide watch and treatment and (b) the waiting time for Central Highlands patients to receive in-hospital mental health care?

### **ANSWER**

- (a) Emerald Hospital can admit mental health patients requiring in-hospital suicide watch and treatment to the general hospital ward. There are 23 dedicated adult acute mental health beds and eight older persons inpatient mental health beds for Central Queensland residents located in Rockhampton.
- (b) All patients referred for inpatient care are individually reviewed and triaged for a bed in Rockhampton. Some patients are also monitored in the community under an intensive support pathway, whilst waiting for an admission.