

Question on Notice

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Asked on 19 February 2020

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

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise what Queensland Health and Ambulance services will be constructed in Aura the Stockland development located south of Caloundra and when each facility will open?

ANSWER

Queensland Health, including the Queensland Ambulance Service, is continually undertaking planning to ensure the delivery of the right care, at the right time, in the right place to maintain a safe and sustainable healthcare system for the people of Queensland. This planning considers a range of factors including population demographics, growth projections, location, accessibility and the health needs of the community.

The Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service (HHS) has commenced a Master Clinical Service Plan, which is due for completion by late 2020. The Master Clinical Service Plan will provide a 10-year outlook for health service delivery and service priorities across the Sunshine Coast, and facilitate changes required to meet the increased demand and demographic profile of the region.

The Sunshine Coast HHS will utilise population projection methodology and the health needs of the communities to inform service delivery across the Sunshine Coast, including services at Aura.

The Queensland Ambulance Service continually monitors workload in all areas throughout the State to determine priorities for the placement of additional resources, including ambulance stations, to ensure the most appropriate level of service is provided to all communities.

Regular reviews have resulted in an additional 62.65 full-time equivalent enhancement positions for the Sunshine Coast Local Ambulance Service Network from 2015-16 to 2019-20 to assist with present and future demand for services. Additionally, three new ambulance stations have been opened since 2017 in Kenilworth, Yandina and Birtinya.