

## **Question on Notice**

No. 47

Asked on 5 February 2020

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

### **QUESTION**

With reference to patients who are presenting to Queensland Emergency Departments under the influence of drugs that pose a high risk for Queensland Health staff and patients that share the emergency ward while receiving treatment—

Will the Minister commit to reviewing the Ingham Hospital Emergency Department and work with the Townsville University Hospital to develop a secure emergency treatment room for drug-affected patients, so that the safety of other patients and staff at the Ingham Hospital can be improved?

### **ANSWER**

The Townsville Hospital and Health Service (THHS) has conducted an independent review around the requirement for re-design and refurbishment of the Ingham Health Service Emergency Department (ED).

The review identified potential improvements including measures to increase the visibility of patients and establish a treatment room for acute mental health presentations.

The THHS has identified the Ingham Emergency Department redevelopment as one of its investment priorities.

Future development of services in the Ingham facility, including design coordinated with the ED refurbishment works, forms part of the THHS Rural Sites Master Plan.