

Question on Notice

No. 1072

Asked on 15 September 2021

MR S BENNETT ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON Y D'ATH)—

QUESTION

Will the Minister explain why \$15m is needed in the budget to purchase the preferred site for the proposed Bundaberg Hospital redevelopment when the land identified is already state-owned land?

ANSWER

I am advised that \$15 million was allocated in the Queensland 2021-22 Budget for the purchase of the preferred site for the proposed Bundaberg Hospital Redevelopment and associated project costs to enable detailed site planning in preparation for the first stage of the project.

The preferred site for the proposed new hospital, land west of Kay McDuff Drive and adjacent to the Bundaberg Ring Road, is currently unallocated (surplus) government Owned land under the trusteeship of the Department of Resources.

This funding will enable Queensland Health to formally acquire the site in accordance with the Queensland Government Land Transaction Policy. I am advised this process is underway and is anticipated to be completed in the coming months.