

Question on Notice

No. 213

Asked on 11 March 2021

MR T WATTS ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON Y D'ATH) –

QUESTION

With reference to the new Toowoomba hospital on the Bailey Henderson site—

Will the Minister advise (a) when the tender for construction will be published, (b) is a Public Private Partnership (PPP) being considered, (c) the modelled effect on local employment during the construction phase and how many jobs it will create and (d) will this be a University Hospital, similar to the recent health facilities delivered on the Sunshine Coast and Gold Coast, respectively?

ANSWER

Planning for future healthcare delivery is an important part of Queensland Health's work. Queensland Health undertakes detailed service planning across the State that informs the State's priorities. This process is revisited regularly to ensure the State's next investment delivers the right services at the right time for Queenslanders, both now and into the future.

During 2020, the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service completed a detailed business case, which proposes an infrastructure solution to meet the health service needs for the region. A new hospital in Toowoomba is not proposed to be a University Hospital.

Government will be considering infrastructure funding as part of the 2020-21 State Budget, which will take into account infrastructure needs across all agencies, noting the emerging logistical and fiscal challenges presented by COVID-19.