

Question on Notice

No. 706

Asked on 27 May 2021

MS R BATES ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON Y D'ATH) –

QUESTION

With reference to the Premier's plan that 1800 new beds will be available over the next two - four years—

Will the Minister advise the total number and net increase in beds proposed at each hospital listed on the Hospital Performance Website for 2021 to 2025 (reported separately for each year)?

ANSWER

Queensland Health is committed to providing care in the right location, at the right time, prioritising hospital growth to support population growth and contemporary care models to improve equity in access and health outcomes for Queenslanders.

I am advised it is anticipated that by 2024-25, an additional 1,339 beds and treatment spaces will be available (Attachment), including Emergency Department treatment spaces, non-hospital residential care beds and additional areas to deliver clinical care, such as specialist chairs for chemotherapy and renal dialysis.

In addition, detailed Business cases for the new Toowoomba and Bundaberg Hospitals, and the expansion of Ipswich Hospital, are currently in development – together these projects are anticipated to deliver in totality more than 1,800 beds and treatment spaces across Queensland.

Growing bed numbers alone will not achieve sustainability in the health system. Non-infrastructure strategies are also required to optimise service design and delivery.

Attachment: Beds anticipated to be built and/or operationalised by HHS, 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2025.

HHS	Estimated number beds*/**
Cairns and Hinterland	21
Central Queensland	52
Children's Health Qld	29
Darling Downs	20
Gold Coast	40
Metro North	341
Metro South	264
Sunshine Coast	268
Townsville	33
West Moreton	225
Wide Bay	46
QLD Total	1,339

*Estimated beds include all spaces for beds/trolleys/chairs to be commissioned. This includes ED treatment spaces and non-hospital residential care beds that are not bed types included in the Hospital Available bed reports. This methodology includes the defined (Monthly Activity Collection – MAC) beds reported annually to the Commonwealth and other relevant treatment spaces for the delivery of patient care. This approach has been consistent for at least the past 10 years.

** Subject to funding and operational requirements.

Source: Department of Health, Capital Asset Services Branch