

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 733**

**Asked on 27 May 2021**

**MR J MADDEN** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON Y D'ATH) –

### **QUESTION**

With reference to Ipswich being the fastest growing Local Government Area in Queensland—

Will the Minister (a) outline the plans to upgrade the Emergency Department at the Ipswich Hospital and (b) advise how many extra (i) beds will be provided (ii) staff will be required and (c) when construction is expected to commence?

### **ANSWER**

As part of the West Moreton Health 15-year Master Plan, the Ipswich Hospital Emergency Department will undergo a staged expansion.

I am advised a budget of \$11 million has been allocated for an expansion of the Emergency Department to deliver more Paediatric treatment spaces and a dedicated area for Mental Health patients. A business case investigating the number of additional treatment spaces and staff required for the expansion has commenced. The business case is due to be completed by December 2021.

Planning is also under way for Stage 2 of the West Moreton Health Master Plan to identify the infrastructure needed to address the future health service needs of the West Moreton community. This includes Emergency Department requirements. The preliminary business case will consider the best use of the purchased Ipswich City Council properties and the Ipswich Hospital campus. The business case will be delivered by the end of 2021 after which a decision will be made by government on whether to approve and fund progression to the detailed business case stage.