

Question on Notice

No. 845

Asked on 17 June 2021

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

QUESTION

With reference to the 2 year delay to finalise the Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service's 10- year service delivery model - the Master Clinical Service Plan and Question on Notice No. 1477 of 2019 seeking a current and future health needs analysis—

Will the Minister commit to complete this Plan as a matter of priority, and that the recommendations be expedited including the expansion of Noosa's Emergency Department from the \$648m allocated to address pressures from emergency patient flow and the \$2b Hospital Building Fund?

ANSWER

I am advised that the Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service is finalising its Master Clinical Services Plan which will provide a 10-year horizon for service delivery and service priorities across the Sunshine Coast and Gympie regions.

An important component of the plan is the local needs of the Noosa and surrounding communities.

Since early 2020, the health service has focused on planning for and responding to the COVID-19 pandemic which has impacted the finalisation of the Master Clinical Services Plan. I am advised that the plan is scheduled for completion in the first quarter of FY21-22.

The Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service *Health Service Plan 2012 to 2022 and outlook to 2026/27* remains active until it is superseded by the new Health Service Plan 2021 to 2031.

The scheduled revision of the existing plan is timely and allows the Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service to reflect upon the impacts to our region, state and nation created by COVID-19. Considerations for the new plan extend to clinical care delivery and population wellbeing, healthcare delivery settings, and healthcare demand related to changing population growth trends.

Ramsay Health Care currently operates the Noosa Hospital under a ten-year lease with the Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service. The terms of the lease outline the obligations of both parties in regard to capital replacement or modification works at the facility.

I am advised that the terms of the Service Agreement for the delivery of services at Noosa Hospital includes the provision of emergency department services and public patient services.