

## Question on Notice

No. 1149

Asked on 26 October 2022

**MRS L GERBER** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON Y D'ATH)—

### QUESTION

Will the Minister advise (a) how many patients they expect to be diverted from the Gold Coast University Hospital and Robina Hospital to the Tugun Satellite Hospital each day and (b) what services they expect to be provided to these diverted patients?

### ANSWER

Tugun Satellite Hospital will provide a range of services for the community in the southern Gold Coast region. The facility is designed to increase access to services closer to home, reducing travel time and/or waiting time.

The Satellite Hospital's Minor Injury and Illness Clinic will be able to diagnose and treat conditions such as simple fractures, minor head injuries, infections, corneal abrasions and minor burns. The unit will have capacity to treat up to approximately 70 patients a day, with shorter expected lengths of stay. This offers an opportunity for significant diversion from other sites for southern Gold Coast residents.

A range of other services will also be provided, tailored to the local community. The final list of services will be determined shortly in consultation with the community.

The Satellite Hospital is a major expansion of services to the residents of the southern Gold Coast.

This is in addition to the Palaszczuk Government's other Gold Coast projects:

- \$1.3 billion new Coomera Hospital with 404 new beds
- \$105.5 million Gold Coast Secure Mental Health Rehabilitation Unit with 40 new beds
- \$72 million Gold Coast University Hospital modular expansion that will deliver 70 extra beds
- \$16.5 million Robina Hospital emergency department expansion that will deliver 20 extra beds
- Robina Hospital expansion (through a lease arrangement) that will deliver 114 extra beds
- \$5.8 million Gold Coast University Hospital hybrid theatre, which opened last year
- \$5.6 million Robina Hospital second CT scanner, which was recently opened.