

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 1357**

**Asked on 10 November 2022**

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

### **QUESTION**

With reference to the contract with Aspen Medical for the provision of health services for Queensland public health accommodation facilities contract disclosure report published on [data.qld.gov.au](http://data.qld.gov.au)—

Will the Minister advise (a) how the initial contract value of \$108m was determined, (b) why this figure was subsequently changed to \$103.3m and (c) the reason for the discrepancy between these numbers and the figures provided in Question on Notice No. 967 asked on 1 September 2022?

### **ANSWER**

I have been advised by the department that Queensland Health and Aspen Medical entered into an agreement on 1 February 2022, for non-recurrent funding provision of up to the maximum value of \$103.3 million (excluding GST) across 2021-22, with a possible extension to 2024.

The contract negotiated was of an open book, cost reimbursable nature where the Queensland Government only pays for services rendered.

I have been further advised that information regarding the Aspen contract was published on the Government open data portal as directed by the Procurement Policy and unfortunately, the figure of \$108 million was entered by mistake. As soon as Queensland Health officers were made aware of the mistake, they revised the open data portal to reflect the correct figure of \$103.3 million.

I am advised by the department that the contract with Aspen Medical was originally forecast to cost \$16.2 million for the 2022 year. As at 14 November 2022, Queensland Health have received invoices totaling \$9.65 million. This includes the final invoice.

I understand the department has provided Aspen Medical with a Certificate of Practical Completion.

As the Member would be aware, the Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre was utilised by the Queensland Government due to the recalcitrance of the previous Federal Government who refused to take ownership of their constitutional responsibility with respect to quarantining.