

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 1371**

**Asked on 10 November 2022**

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

### **QUESTION**

With reference to the Queensland Normal Birth Strategy, which, for the first time, would provide new options to support women in their choice of birthing services such as publicly-funded homebirth and which Queensland Health has advised is complete—  
Will the Minister advise when the Minister intends to approve this strategy?

### **ANSWER**

The Queensland Birth Strategy, scoping report and implementation plan were brought before the Queensland Normal Birth Governance Committee on 12 September 2022. This committee approved the progression of the strategy, scoping report and implementation plan to the System Management Committee in October 2022.

The Queensland Birth Strategy and proposed implementation plan is currently in the process of being reviewed by the Deputy Director-General, Clinical Excellence Queensland and implementation is expected to commence in 2023.

A public funded homebirth service is currently under consultation and consideration within the Department as the introduction of this new approach to providing services requires strong evidence and safety frameworks in order to deliver this model of care safely and to instill confidence in our community.