

Question on Notice

No. 217

Asked on 17 March 2022

MR S BENNETT ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON Y D'ATH)—

QUESTION

With reference to the commitment by the then Minister for Health on 22 October 2020 to build a new adult alcohol and other drug residential rehabilitation treatment facility in Bundaberg which will include 28 beds and day programs, intensive case management services and other services to meet demand—

Will the Minister advise when this rehabilitation and treatment facility will be completed?

ANSWER

I can advise that significant progress continues to be made in delivering this important health service for the people of the Wide Bay region. The new service will deliver specialist residential alcohol and other drug treatment and care that will improve treatment outcomes for individuals and reduce stress on families.

Work undertaken to date includes acquiring a suitable site, undertaking community engagement and due diligence activities and commencing initial design with input from an advisory group including the Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service that will own the land and buildings.

An application for Ministerial Infrastructure Designation will shortly be submitted to support town planning.

Construction of the facility is planned after community consultation is finalised. The impacts from the pandemic on construction material supply chains are currently being planned for and will be further understood as a builder is appointed. A service provider will be procured through tender processes to establish and commence services in the 2023-24 financial year.