

Question on Notice

No. 367

Asked on 10 May 2022

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

QUESTION

With reference to the Premier announcing prior to the 2020 State elections, \$3m for 'planning' of a Northern Gold Coast Hospital and as evidence provided to parliamentary committees has revealed no further funding has been allocated to the project—

Will the Minister advise (a) what progress has been made with the planning for the hospital, (b) has any additional funding been made available to Gold Coast Health for ongoing planning since the 2020 election and (c) when will the planning process be completed?

ANSWER

On 19 October 2020, the Palaszczuk Government committed \$3 million to develop the plan for the new hospital and health precinct in Coomera. This planning investment included consultation with the community and stakeholders for the infrastructure and services on this site.

I have been advised by the department the preliminary business case for the Coomera Hospital and Health Precinct is complete.

The project will progress to the next phase of having a detailed business case developed. The department will allocate the required funding to implement and complete this phase.

This rigorous process ensures Queensland Health delivers the right services to the right people in the right locations both now and into the future.

It is important to note, when delivering capital infrastructure, particularly on this scale and with this complexity, planning is never fully complete as it allows for a project to be agile and employ continuous improvement practices.