

Question on Notice

No. 500

Asked on 24 May 2022

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

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise the total number of mental health places available in the Gold Coast Health Region (a) currently existing in the region and (b) the government is committing to in the next financial year?

ANSWER

I have been advised by the department, as of 2022, there are 158 acute mental health inpatient beds and 43 residential mental health beds in the Gold Coast Region across adolescent, young adult, general adult and older persons acute inpatients and residents mental health.

Other mental health bed-based services located in the region include the statewide 4-bed acute Perinatal and Infant Mental Health Unit at Gold Coast University Hospital and the eight short stay bed, 12 chair Crisis Stabilisation Unit at Robina Hospital.

The Queensland Government has committed \$105.5 million for the construction of a new 40-bed secure mental health rehabilitation unit at the Gold Coast. This project is on-track to achieve an opening date of 31 March 2024.

As part of the 2022-23 State Budget, the Palaszczuk Government will invest \$1.696 billion over the next five years for mental health, alcohol and other drug initiatives, including areas of identified need.