

Question on Notice

No. 1154

Asked on 10 October 2023

MR S BENNETT ASKED MINISTER FOR HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR WOMEN (HON S FENTIMAN)—

QUESTION

With reference to the Premier's own briefing notes during her visit to Bundaberg in June 2022 where it states, '\$15m Bundaberg Alcohol and Other Drug Facility – a 2020 election commitment, expected delivery October 2023'—

Will the Minister explain why the drug and alcohol centre is not built?

ANSWER

The site for the Bundaberg Alcohol and Other Drug Facility has been acquired and before construction can commence the necessary planning approvals; Ministerial Infrastructure Designation and a Cultural Heritage Agreement (CHA) were required.

The protection of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage is required of all landowners and land developers under the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003*. Extensive consultation with the Traditional Owners (First Nations Bailai, Gurang, Gooreng Gooreng, Taribelang Bunda People and the Aboriginal Corporation Registered Native Title Body Corporate) was undertaken as part of this process.

Relevant tender documentation has been finalised, responses have been received and are currently being evaluated.

We know we need to boost the capacity of our Hospital and Health Service's alcohol and other drug treatment across Queensland to help meet the needs and service demands.

That's why we've invested \$5.3 million to boost the capacity of Adis, our state-wide 24/7 drug and alcohol support service to deliver tailored phone and online support for anyone concerned about their own or someone else's substance use.

We've also invested \$11.5 million to deliver opioid dependence treatment and harm reduction services statewide including the rollout of the Take Home Naloxone (THN) program, which makes naloxone, a medication that rapidly reverses the effects of an opioid overdose, available for free to people at risk of an opioid overdose.

In addition, Queensland Health funds a range of services to provide specialist services including community-based counselling for adults and young people and police and court diversion health responses throughout Bundaberg, Hervey Bay and Gayndah with outreach to other areas within the region.