

Question on Notice

No. 1175

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DR M ROBINSON ASKED MINISTER FOR HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR WOMEN (HON S FENTIMAN)—

QUESTION

With reference to the Redland Hospital Expansion (Stage 1)—

Will the Minister advise (a) when the expansion will reach practical completion and (b) when the expansion will see its first patients?

ANSWER

The Palaszczuk Government is delivering the largest health building program in Australia and the largest in Queensland history, which includes major upgrades to Redland Hospital.

The Redland Hospital Stage 1 Expansion will deliver a new Intensive Care Unit and 37 additional beds helping to increase the hospital's capacity. The project is scheduled to reach practical completion in early 2025, subject to construction and weather conditions. I am advised the project team is actively seeking opportunities to bring the practical completion date forward.

The new facility is expected to welcome new patients by mid-2025, based on an operational commissioning period appropriate for the scale and complexity of this project.

I note the new 28-bed Modular Ward recently reached Practical Completion and was handed over to the Hospital on 13 October 2023. The building contractor for Stage 1 is currently updating the building design to better integrate with this new facility. It will eventually connect into the new linkway between the Main Hospital and Modular Ward to improve patient flow into the Stage 1 building and across these facilities.

The community can access a virtual fly-through of the upcoming Stage 1 facility and expanding Redland Hospital by accessing the <https://metrosouth.health.qld.gov.au/news/construction-begins-on-new-intensive-care-unit>

I look forward to updating the Redland community on the ongoing progress of this important project, including on construction milestones and operational readiness.

The expansion of Redland Hospital is part of a multi-phase plan to increase the hospital's capacity, building on the significant investments made by the Government as part of the Queensland Health and Hospitals Plan.

The modular ward will further strengthen the delivery of healthcare services to residents by delivering an additional 28 beds when it opens later this year.

A \$150 million investment in a new mental health facility will increase existing capacity, ensuring the community can receive mental health care earlier.

In addition to these projects, the Redlands Coast community can now also access healthcare services at the new Redlands Satellite Hospital, which is part of the Satellite Hospitals Program.