

Question on Notice

No. 1339

Asked on 25 October 2023

MR B HEAD asked the Minister for Health, Mental Health and Ambulance Services and the Minister for Women (HON S FENTIMAN)—

QUESTION

With reference to the Moura Aged Care Extension as listed on the CQHHS website <https://www.cq.health.qld.gov.au/hospitals-and-health-centres/moura-multipurpose-health-service/moura-multipurpose-health-service-aged-care-extension>—

Will the Minister (a) advise (i) when construction will commence, (ii) when the project will be completed, (iii) how much has been budgeted for this project this financial year and (iv) what the updated and current costings of the projects are and (b) confirm the number of beds this facility will have on completion?

ANSWER

The Moura Aged Care extension will deliver a new eight bed residential care facility (including seven additional beds), a new kitchen and laundry, additional storage and will refurbish areas of the existing hospital to meet current and future demand of residential aged care beds across the Moura region.

I am advised that construction is forecast to commence in mid-2024 and is to be completed in mid-2025. With any major infrastructure project, timelines can be impacted by factors outside of our control, including ground conditions, latent conditions, inclement weather and supply chain and labour uncertainties. The timeline for this project will continue to be reviewed by government and will be updated if necessary.

The amount budgeted for this financial year (2023-24) reflects the design stage of the project which is \$450,000. The current total project budget is \$7,200,000 but will be reconfirmed following the award of the building contractor. This is due to construction being more expensive than ever, which is being driven by supply chain issues, rising material and labour costs in the wake of the COVID pandemic, and other global factors. The budget for this project will continue to be reviewed by government and will be updated if necessary.