

## Question on Notice

No. 1481

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

### QUESTION

With reference to the 'Health Funding Uplift' measure described on page 137 of 2023-24 Budget Paper 4—

Will the Minister outline (a) a description of each of the programs funded in 2022-23 through the uplift, (b) the value of funding for each of the programs described above in 2022-23, (c) a description of each of the programs funded in 2023-24 through the uplift, (d) the value of funding for each of the programs described above in 2023-24 and (e) the value of any uncommitted monies from 2023-24 to 2026-27 financial years (reported separately by financial year)?

### ANSWER

The below table provides descriptions of the programs funded through the Health Funding Uplift over the period 2022-23 to 2026-27 and the funding allocations.

Not all these programs are funded exclusively through the Health Funding Uplift. In some cases, there are also contributions from other sources, such as operational growth funding provided in the 2022-23 budget and prior year budget surpluses. Funding can also be reallocated between years based on expenditure requirements.

In addition, the 2023-24 Queensland Health budget includes a range of programs to address demand and cost pressures and support a suite of programs and initiatives targeting improving ambulance responsiveness and reducing ramping, addressing pressures on emergency departments, reducing wait times for surgery and specialist clinics, as well as boosting women's health care and mental health care.

For instance:

- The Government has committed \$764 million to reducing ambulance ramping and improving access to emergency departments.
- Around \$224 million is being invested in addressing surgery and specialist clinic backlogs including continuing the planned care recovery initiative created during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- A \$34.8 million investment in women's healthcare includes continuing the Growing Deadly Families Strategy, the development of a 10-year Queensland Women's and Girls' Health Strategy and expanding outreach obstetrics and gynaecology services.
- Mental health services will receive a \$301.4 million boost, which will assist in implementing the \$1.645 billion Better Care Together: a plan for Queensland's state-funded mental health alcohol and other drug services to 2027.

### Funding allocations from Health Funding Uplift and other growth funding

Initiative	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	Description
	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M	
Enterprise bargaining outcomes	183.2	305.6	321.0	313.1	313.1	Uplift to support enterprise bargaining increases above 3% per year. Increases up to 3% per year funded from general growth funding.
Operating funding for satellite hospitals		88.6	162.3	TBD	TBD	Funding to operate seven new facilities to support public healthcare delivery in rapidly growing communities across South East Queensland
Operating funding for Logan hospital expansion	1.7	90.4	185.7	TBD	TBD	The vertical expansion of the hospital's Building 3 includes a range of clinical services across five new inpatient wards, a new Intensive Care Unit, Coronary Care Unit, Cardiac Investigations Unit, Respiratory Laboratory, as well as several supporting services
Operating funding for Caboolture hospital expansion	31.9	115.0	153.2	TBD	TBD	Caboolture Hospital Redevelopment includes a new five storey Clinical Services Building, a new six storey multi-storey carpark and an expansion and refurbishment program that will enhance and modernise spaces within the existing hospital
Domestic and family violence services system reform		4.4	5.7	5.7	5.7	Funding for trauma-informed domestic and family violence (DFV) training to the frontline health workforce across Queensland, and mental health, alcohol and other drug service participation in DFV High Risk Teams (\$21.6M over four years).
Making tracks for achieving health equity with First Nations People		26.7	33.3	32.4	30.7	Funding to continue initiatives under Making Tracks towards achieving health equity with First Nations People 2021-25 (\$123M over four years).
Rural and regional birthing services		10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	Continued support for maternity birthing services in regional and rural locations and strengthening outreach obstetric and gynaecology services (\$42M over four years).
Queensland Ambulance Services additional ambulance operatives		52.6	51.3	51.7	51.9	Funding for an additional 200 ambulance operatives as announced in the 2023-24 budget (\$207M over four years).
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>216.8</b>	<b>693.7</b>	<b>922.9</b>	<b>413.4</b>	<b>411.9</b>	
<b>Health Uplift Funding</b>	<b>325.5</b>	<b>508.7</b>	<b>521.1</b>	<b>572.9</b>	<b>959.3</b>	