

Question on Notice

No. 469

Asked on 20 April 2023

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

QUESTION

With reference to the government's 2020 election commitment of '\$11.5m to build a 10-bed 24/7 youth alcohol and other drugs rehabilitation and treatment centre in Cairns', as outlined in the Progress report on 2020 government election commitments (September 2022)—

Will the Minister provide (a) an updated project budget, (b) the initial project completion date and (c) any revised completion date for the project?

ANSWER

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to delivering world-class health care to all Queenslanders no matter where they live.

That is why in the leadup to the 2020 Election we committed to building three new alcohol and other drug facilities across Queensland.

The Cairns Youth Residential Rehabilitation facility will be an important health service for the Cairns region.

The new service is voluntary and will include a purpose-built 10-bed residential rehabilitation centre as well as a suite of non-residential treatment to support young people experiencing problematic substance use. It will include services tailored to meet the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people, their families and community. The provisional age range for the residential service is young people aged 13 to 18 years with the primary target group expected to be 16 and 17 years.

I'm advised considerable progress continues to be made to deliver this facility. Since the site was purchased in April 2022, community engagement through public consultation, due diligence, and schematic designs have been completed.

The project is currently in the phase which includes detailed design development leading to the finalisation of tender documentation release. Further information in relation to expected timeframes for practical completion and any impacts to original budget estimates will be known following the award of the tender.