

## Question on Notice

No. 498

Asked on 9 May 2023

**MRS L GERBER** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON Y D'ATH)—

### QUESTION

With reference to the government's 2020 election commitments, and the government's commitment of '\$27.8m for 33 renal dialysis treatment spaces in regional Queensland at Proserpine, Clermont, Charters Towers, Ingham and Longreach hospitals, and at the Cooktown Multipurpose Health Service and Kowanyama Primary Health Care Centre'—

Will the Minister provide (a) an updated project budget, (b) the number of treatment spaces completed to date (reported separately by location and opening date) and (c) for those not completed, the expected completion date (reported separately by location)?

### ANSWER

a) In 2020, the Queensland Government committed \$27.8 million for additional dialysis treatment spaces across regional, rural, and remote Queensland.

I am advised that in December 2022, following extensive consultation with recipient Hospital and Health Services (HHS), subsequent adjustments to this election commitment were approved.

Additional capital funding of \$6.35 million was allocated to support the delivery of this government election commitment. The new total funding allocation for this commitment is \$34.15 million, with \$15.7 million being allocated to capital and \$18.5 million allocated to operational needs.

b) I have been advised that to date, four of seven projects associated with this election commitment, have been delivered:

1. Four dialysis chairs are in operation at the new satellite dialysis unit in Charters Towers (Townsville HHS), which commenced the provision of dialysis in May 2022.
2. Four dialysis chairs are in operation at the new satellite dialysis unit in Ingham (Townsville HHS), which commenced the provision of dialysis in May 2023.
3. Two additional dialysis chairs are in operation at Bowen (Mackay HHS) with expansion of an existing satellite dialysis unit. One chair opened in June 2022 and the second chair opened on 31 October 2022.
4. The existing dialysis service in Cooktown has been expanded (Torres and Cape HHS), to double the number of patients who can access care, from 16 to 32. This expanded service commenced in September 2022.

- c) The remaining three of seven projects are on track for practical completion, as reported by their affiliated HHSs:
1. Four dialysis chairs at the new dialysis unit in Proserpine (Mackay HHS), is forecasted to be completed in late 2023.
  2. Three dialysis chairs in a new satellite dialysis unit in Kowanyama (Torres and Cape HHS), forecasted to be completed late 2023.
  3. Three dialysis chairs in a new satellite dialysis unit in Longreach (Central West HHS), forecasted to be completed late 2023.