

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 639**

**Asked on 23 May 2023**

**MS A CAMM** ASKED MINISTER FOR HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR WOMEN (HON S FENTIMAN)—

### **QUESTION**

With reference to the newly announced expansion of Mackay Base Hospital Maternity services—

Will the Minister confirm if it includes a theatre service and private access for patients being transported from the emergency departments?

### **ANSWER**

When complete, there will be 128 more beds available throughout the Mackay Base Hospital. These additional 128 beds will help to meet the rising demand for healthcare in the region and improve the flow of patients from the emergency departments to the wards.

The Women's Health Unit and the Child and Adolescent Unit will move into brand new wards and this will ensure care is provided in a contemporary environment. There are also community midwifery services that support patients in the Mackay area.

The Mackay Base Hospital Expansion project includes the co-location of neonatal, birthing and maternity inpatient units on the same level and within close proximity of the intensive care unit and operating theatre. The location of birth suites on the same level as the surgical department will also allow for a smoother transition of care for women.

There are dedicated patient transport lifts that provide discrete and priority transfer of patients from the emergency department to all of the aforementioned clinical services.