

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 180**

**Asked on 6 March 2024**

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

### **QUESTION**

Will the Minister advise what diabetes services are available to patients at the Emerald Hospital?

### **ANSWER**

The Emerald Hospital initiated the Diabetes Education Clinic in September 2023. Prior to this, the service was delivered by the LiveBetter organisation, which unfortunately could no longer maintain a service in Emerald.

The Diabetes Education Clinics are delivered by a multidisciplinary team, including a visiting General Practitioner (GP) specialist, a Credentialed Diabetes Education (CDE) Nurse and a Dietician.

The GP specialist attends clinics two days each fortnight and the CDE Nurse attends clinics five days each fortnight.

This clinic provides services for patients with Gestational Diabetes Mellitus (GDM), as well as for adult and paediatric patients with Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes.

The service is also supported by Paediatric Endocrinologists from the Queensland Children's Hospital with four clinics per year (three telehealth clinics and one face-to-face clinic).

Diabetes Australia offers a telephone service for patients to speak with health professionals in relation to their condition. Diabetes Australia offers general information and education resources available on their website.