

Question on Notice

No. 240

Asked on 19 March 2024

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

QUESTION

With reference to the local member for Bundaberg's consistent commitments to a new level 5 hospital in Bundaberg—

Will the Minister confirm (a) what specialised services will be available at the new hospital and (b) will a fully staffed Cath Lab be one of these services?

ANSWER

The Miles Government is committed to delivering a Level 5 hospital for Bundaberg as part of our record investment in building the health infrastructure our growing state needs.

The new Bundaberg Hospital will deliver more than 400 beds across a range of improved and expanded services such as intensive care, coronary, medical, surgical, paediatric, rehabilitation and mental health units. It will also have an expanded emergency department and enhanced clinical support services.

I can advise that the current Bundaberg Hospital already provides a number of CSCF Level 5 services, including acute and community mental health services, acute pain, and medical oncology.

The new Bundaberg Hospital will provide many more CSCF Level 5 services, giving it the ability to treat more complex cases and higher patient volumes where it is safe and sustainable to do so.

I am advised that the Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service is considering which Level 5 services will be required at the new Bundaberg Hospital, in line with community needs to be determined through consultation.

CSCF levels are determined by a standard set of minimum capability criteria, including service need, safety and efficiency, and risk considerations.

I look forward to working with the Member for Bundaberg to deliver this new hospital with Level 5 services for his community.