

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 343**  
**Asked on 21 March 2024**

**Mr J Bleijie** asked Premier (Hon. S Miles) —

QUESTION:

With reference to the government's \$9.78b health Capacity Expansion Program—

Will the Premier advise for each project to be delivered (a) the current budget, (b) the number of additional beds that will be delivered and (c) the reason for any scope or budget changes?

ANSWER:

Our Government's Big Build includes the largest health infrastructure program in Queensland's history.

I am advised by Queensland Health as follows.

The Queensland Government has been upfront about the global cost and supply-chain pressures on the construction industry, including high inflation, the COVID-19 pandemic, and the war in Ukraine.

As at 12 April 2024, the Capacity Expansion Program (CEP) projects are in "stage one" of a two-stage process, in which stage one is dedicated to designing the facility that will form the basis of the cost estimate. Until the designs are finalised, indicative costs are non-binding and speculative only.

We are committed to keeping Queenslanders informed as we deliver these projects, which is why we regularly provide updates to timeframes and budgets where necessary as projects reach significant milestones.

The New Toowoomba Hospital will deliver 118 additional beds and is currently budgeted at \$1,300,000,000.

The New Coomera Hospital will deliver 404 additional beds and is currently budgeted at \$1,300,000,000.

The Redcliffe Hospital Expansion will deliver 204 additional beds and is currently budgeted at \$1,148,000,000. The budget has increased due to increased scope required to allow the ambulatory care and clinical services buildings to be combined into one integrated facility, supporting the efficient delivery of health services<sup>1</sup>.

The Ipswich Hospital Expansion Stage 2 will deliver 200 additional beds and is currently budgeted at \$710,000,000.

The New Bundaberg Hospital will deliver 121 additional beds and is currently budgeted at \$1,200,000,000.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://statements.qld.gov.au/statements/98005>

The Prince Charles Hospital Expansion will deliver 93 additional beds and is currently budgeted at \$360,000,000. The budget has increased due to increased scope to deliver two additional operating theatres, a new paediatric outpatient service and a Satellite Central Sterilisation Service Department<sup>2</sup>.

The Mackay Base Hospital Expansion will deliver 128 additional beds and is currently budgeted at \$250,000,000.

The Townsville University Hospital Expansion will deliver 143 additional beds and is currently budgeted at \$530,000,000.

The Hervey Bay Hospital Expansion will deliver 35 additional beds and is currently budgeted at \$40,000,000.

The Logan Hospital Expansion Stage 2 will deliver 112 additional beds and is currently budgeted at \$530,000,000.

The QEII Jubilee Hospital Expansion will deliver 112 additional beds and is currently budgeted at \$465,000,000.

The Cairns Hospital Expansion will deliver 96 additional beds and is currently budgeted at \$250,000,000.

The New Queensland Cancer Centre will deliver 91 additional beds and is currently budgeted at \$1,125,000,000. The budget has increased to enable the delivery of the latest technology and cancer treatment techniques the recognition of the \$375 million provided by the Federal Government<sup>3</sup>.

The Robina Hospital Expansion will deliver 114 additional beds and is a lease arrangement.

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<sup>2</sup> <https://statements.qld.gov.au/statements/98005>

<sup>3</sup> <https://statements.qld.gov.au/statements/99309>