

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 885**

**Asked on 20 August 2024**

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

### **QUESTION**

With reference to hospital upgrades for Biloela and Chinchilla—

Will the Minister advise (reportedly separately by each project), (a) funding currently allocated, (b) forecast costs, (c) planned construction start date and estimated completion date and (d) the number of beds that will be available on completion?

### **ANSWER**

The Biloela and Chinchilla Hospitals are projects within the \$1 billion Building Rural and Remote Health Program that supports the delivery of modern, fit-for-purpose facilities that supports contemporary models of care for rural and remote communities.

Planning for the new Biloela Hospital is currently underway, with the design to be completed in early 2025. The timeframes for the project, including anticipated practical completion, will be better understood once the design is finalised and it is anticipated that construction will commence mid-2025.

The new Chinchilla Hospital is further progressed in planning, with construction expected to commence in the first half of 2025 and practical completion forecast for the second half of 2026.

The projects will focus on ensuring the delivery of safe, sustainable services in both communities and there will be no reduction in bed numbers or services at the Chinchilla or Biloela Hospitals.