

Question on Notice

No. 906

Asked on 21 August 2024

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

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise how many complaints from staff or the public the Sunshine Coast Health Service, the Health Minister or the Sunshine Coast University Hospital have received with respect to the costs of the car parking at the Sunshine Coast University Hospital?

ANSWER

The Queensland Government is committed to delivering more car parks at hospitals and improving access to parking for people who need it.

The car parking at Sunshine Coast University Hospital is operated by Exemplar Health under a Public Private Partnership arrangement and Sunshine Coast Health does not have direct control over parking tariffs.

The Hospital Car Parking Concession Scheme was implemented with an annual allocation of \$1.8 million to assist health services to improve car parking access and affordability for eligible patients and their carers.

Car parking concessions are available to eligible patients and their carers who attend hospital frequently or for extended periods; patients and their carers with special needs who require assistance; and patients and carers experiencing financial hardship.

I can confirm I have received one complaint from the Member, on behalf of his constituents, outlining issues with hospital staff parking in surrounding streets.