

Question on Notice

No. 912

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

QUESTION

With reference to the budget for the new Bundaberg Hospital, the 2024-25 budget outlines \$68.1m, while the 2023-24 budget outlined \$52.3m—
Will the Minister provide a complete breakdown of (a) how \$52.3m in the 2023-24 budget was spent and (b) how \$68.1m in the 2024-25 budget will be spent?

ANSWER

The Miles Government is committed to delivering the infrastructure our growing state needs, which is why we're delivering the record \$14 billion Health Big Build, including the \$1.2 billion new Bundaberg Hospital.

This brand new facility will deliver an additional 121 overnight beds, expanded emergency department, theatres and associated clinical and non-clinical support spaces.

In the 2022-23 financial year, we undertook crucial early works at the site, as well as securing the required environmental and cultural assessments and approvals, and appointing CPB Contractors. This work allowed us to officially commence construction in May this year.

This construction work will continue throughout the 2024-25 financial year.

When capital projects are funded, the amount to be spent each year is estimated and published. As the project progresses and annual expenditure amounts change, Budget documents are updated to reflect the expenditure.