

Question on Notice

No. 1545

Asked on 10 December 2025

HON M DE BRENNI ASKED MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON T NICHOLLS)—

QUESTION

With reference to the \$18.536b allocated over five years to Queensland Health in the Budget for Queensland Hospital Rescue Plan—

Will the Minister advise (a) how much of that allocation was spent on the Hervey Bay Hospital expansion in 2025-26 to date and (b) how much has been allocated to be spent over the Forward Estimates (reported separately by financial year)?

ANSWER

The Crisafulli Government's Hospital Rescue Plan is an investment in the future of our health system, delivering more than 2,600 new beds right across metro, regional and rural Queensland. The Plan delivers a record \$18.5 billion investment – the biggest investment in health infrastructure in Queensland's history.

The Hospital Rescue Plan addresses the failures and oversights of the former government's Capacity Expansion Program, where not one project was able to be delivered in its announced timeframe or budget.

The former government's plan for the Hervey Bay Hospital expansion had a cost blowout of \$50 million and was delayed at least two years. The former plan was also to deliver a multi-storey car park, which the former government walked away from due to there being no funding to deliver it.

The Crisafulli Government's plan for the Hervey Bay Hospital Expansion will deliver 35 beds by 2026 and a new at-grade car park.

As at 30 November 2025 expenditure for the Hervey Bay Hospital Expansion in 2025-26 is \$13.1 million. An amount of \$19 million has been allocated to 2025-26 and \$60 million forecast for future delivery.