

**Question on Notice
No. 270
Asked on 28 February 2008**

MR SPRINGBORG asked the Minister for Health (MR ROBERTSON)-

QUESTION:

- (1) Will he provide a detailed breakdown of capital investment expenditure for 2006-07, 2005-06 and 2004-05, providing details for each year of the (a) number of aged care beds provided, (b) location, (c) project expense and (d) project timeline?
- (2) In relation to the difference of value in investment between 2006-07 and 2005-06, will he provide a detailed explanation for the drop in expenditure?

ANSWER:

- (1) Since the announcement of our 2001 Election Commitment to upgrade the State's Residential Aged Care Facilities to meet the certification and accreditation standards required by the Australian Government, Queensland Health has been in the process of replacing a number of the State's aged care facilities and upgrading resident comfort through the installation of air-conditioning in an additional three of our residential aged care facilities, Oakey at \$293,668, Zillmere at \$470,954 and Hervey Bay at \$164,076 (since transferred to the private sector).

A breakdown of the capital investment expenditure for the three years follows:

Residential Aged Care Facility	Aged Care Capital Works Program Capital Expenditure		
	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Dalby	\$4,340,212	\$10,758,000	\$101,431
Maryborough	\$6,348,917	\$10,874,000	\$854,525
Nambour	\$23,667	\$13,000	\$97,467
Redcliffe	\$7,374,076	\$336,000	\$3,500
Roma	\$738,377	\$9,558,000	\$2,547,716
Sandgate	\$7,736,273	0	\$2,695
Townsville	\$11,449,206	0	\$179,290
Warwick	\$485,779	\$5,179,000	\$3,098,847
Wondai	\$454,947	\$3,179,000	\$9,344,192
Redland	\$14,678,793	\$6,120,000	\$390,435
Charters Towers	\$54,835	\$59,816	\$247,870

The further detail you requested in (a) to (d) of your question is attached.

- (2) The Aged Care Capital Works Program (2001-2006) provided for the roll out of a program of works over a period of five years which commenced in July 2001. Cashflow variances of capital expenditure over time are reflective of the delivery timeframes for the various projects with the program of works.

The majority of the capital projects within the program of works were completed within the five year period, with planning and construction delays experienced at Wondai, and completed in April 2007, and delays regarding the appropriate options for replacement of the Nambour facility.

The replacement of the Hibiscus House, Nambour, was put on hold whilst extensive site and soil investigations were undertaken, and a site master plan for the Nambour Hospital was completed. A new Greenfield site for the replacement of Hibiscus House has been selected and purchased. I am advised that all project documentation has been completed and is ready to go to tender, as soon as our Development Application has been approved by the local council, which I anticipate in the near future.

ATTACHMENT

Project	(a) No of Beds	(b) Location	(c) Project Expense <i>Total Project Cost</i>	(d) Project Timeline
Replacement of Karingal Nursing Home	80 replacement beds	Dalby	\$15.7 million	New facility completed in March 2006
Replacement of Yaralla Nursing Home	96 replacement beds	Maryborough	\$19.1million	New facility completed in June 2006
Replacement of Hibiscus House	40 replacement beds plus 5 new psychogeriatric beds	Nambour	\$13.1 million	New facility to be completed by May 2009
Replacement of Coinda House	40 replacement beds, plus 20 additional beds (Dementia and Psychogeriatric)	Redcliffe	\$11.3 million	New facility completed in May 2005
Replacement of Westhaven Nursing Home	40 replacement beds	Roma	\$13.3 million	New facility completed in August 2006
Replacement of 2 units at Eventide	80 replacement beds – partial redevelopment	Sandgate	\$12.4 million	New facilities completed in March 2005
Replacement of Townsville Nursing Home	40 replacement beds plus 30 additional beds (Dementia and Psychogeriatric)	Townsville	\$14.6 million	New facilities completed in July 2005
Replacement of The Oaks Nursing Home	40 replacement beds	Warwick	\$9.4 million	New facilities completed in November 2005
Replacement of Weinholt Nursing Home – Forest View	32 replacement beds plus 14 additional beds, 5 hospital/acute beds and District Centralised kitchen facility	Wondai	\$13.2 million	New facilities completed in April 2007
Transfer of beds from Moreton Bay Nursing Care Unit to Redland Residential Care	128 replacement beds transferred from Moreton Bay Nursing Care Unit	Cleveland	\$24.9million	New facilities completed in December 2005
Upgrade Bathrooms at Eventide – Charters Towers	Toilet pan replacement and bathroom upgrades	Charters Towers	\$400,000	Completed