

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 465**

**Asked on 22 April 2021**

**MR D LAST** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON Y D'ATH) –

### **QUESTION**

With reference to the expansion of the Medical Imaging department at the Bowen Hospital that was due to commence in August 2020—

Will the Minister provide an update on the project and advise when this long awaited facility will finally open?

### **ANSWER**

The Mackay Hospital and Health Service has undertaken extensive planning for the expansion of the Medical Imaging at Bowen Hospital to ensure appropriate consideration of the wider needs of the hospital and community. This planning led to the expansion of the initial project scope to include the relocation of Bowen Hospital's Renal Unit.

The new Medical Imaging and Renal Unit building will include rooms for CT imaging, general x-ray, ultrasound, orthopantomogram (OPG), toilets, administration and storage. The Renal Unit space has been designed to provide room to isolate infectious or immuno-compromised patients as well as including a reverse osmosis unit to purify and filter the water. The area will also allow for future expansion of service if required.

The construction contract has been awarded to Hutchison Builders. Site works are now underway, with works expected to be complete by December 2021.