1. Cabinet considered the Public Hospitals Performance Report for the June 2008 quarter.

*Hospital Activity*

1. The June 2008 quarter is a record quarter with a total of 219,295 admitted patient episodes of care, up by 10,438 or 5.0% from the same period last year. Over the last 3 years admitted patient episodes of care for the June quarter have increased by 13%. For the 2007-08 year, 865,534 patients were admitted to Queensland public hospitals, a record year.

*Emergency Department Performance*

1. During the June quarter 2008 there were 265,225 emergency department presentations in Queensland’s 27 largest hospitals. This is an 8.7% increase from that reported in the June 2007 quarter (242,936 compared with 223,540).
2. Including the new departments at Robina and The Prince Charles hospitals, there were 973,725 attendances at Queensland emergency departments during 2007-08, a 9.8% increase on 886,761 attendances in 2006-07.

*Elective Surgery Performance*

1. The number of elective surgery patients was 33,732 (including Surgery Connect). This is an additional 5,316 patients treated (an 18.7% increase) when compared to the June quarter 2007 and additional 6,813 patients treated (a 25.3% increase) when compared to the March quarter 2008.
2. The total number of patients waiting for elective surgery has remained relatively stable for the last twelve months. As at 1 July 2008, 34,703 Queenslanders were waiting for elective surgery, compared to 34,454 patients waiting as at 1 July 2007 and 36,030 patients waiting at 1 April 2008. At 1 July 2008 7,510 patients had waited longer than clinically desirable. This is a decrease from the 8,828 ‘long wait’ patients waiting at 1 July 2007 and the 8,976 waiting at 1 April 2008.
3. The report on elective surgery performance has changed to include the median days waited and the number of days waited at the 90th percentile for patients who were admitted for elective surgery, and the *number* of ‘long wait’ (patients who are waiting longer than clinically recommended)patients on the waiting list. These changes more clearly describe Queensland’s elective surgery performance and bring its reporting into line with that of the Commonwealth and other States.

*Staffing*

1. Since June 2005, there has been an increase of 1600 medical (including VMO) staff (35%), 5213 nursing staff (24%), and 1909 other health practitioners (28%).
2. Cabinet endorsed the release of the Public Hospitals Performance Report for the June 2008 quarter.
3. *Attachments*

* [Quarterly Public Hospitals Performance Report - June Quarter 2008](attachments/Qld%20Public%20Hospitals%20performance%20report%20Jun%20Qtr%2008.pdf)