1. The *Quarterly Public Hospitals Performance Report* provides an overview of Queensland public hospitals including: inpatient activity, elective surgery waiting times, emergency department presentations and staffing.

*Hospital Activity*

1. Admitted patient episodes of care have increased by 5.3% from the same quarter last year and 2008-09 totals show an increase of 6.0% from the previous year, resulting in a record year for the number of hospital admissions.

*Elective Surgery Performance*

1. The current total number of ‘long wait’ patients waiting has decreased from last year by 19.1%. More elective surgery patients were treated in 2008-09 than ever before, and the total is a 5.7% increase on the number treated last year. The 90th percentile waiting time for elective surgery has decreased in all Categories in the June quarter compared to the same quarter last year.
2. While the median waiting time has increased slightly, Queensland continues to report the shortest waiting times in Australia.
3. The latest *State of Our Public Hospitals* report published by the Department of Health and Ageing in June 2009 shows that Queensland was again the best performer in the country throughout 2007-08 in terms of elective surgery waiting times, with a median waiting time for elective surgery across all three clinical urgency categories of 27 days. The national average was reported at 34 days.

*Emergency Department Performance*

1. During the June quarter 2009 there were 273,282 emergency department presentations in Queensland’s 27 largest hospitals. This is an increase of 8,057 presentations (3.0%) when compared with the June 2008 quarter (265,225) and an increase of 2,841 (1.1%) emergency department presentations compared with the March quarter 2009 (270,441).

*Surgery Connect*

1. During the June quarter 2009, 3,710 elective surgery patients were referred to the Surgery Connect program, with 3,428 receiving surgery during the quarter. Throughout 2008-09 9,565 patients were referred to Surgery Connect, with 7,614 patients receiving treatment.
2. Cabinet endorsed the release of the Quarterly Public Hospitals Performance Report – June Quarter 2009.
3. *Attachments*

* [Quarterly Public Hospitals Performance Report – June Quarter 2009](Attachments/QHQPHPR%20June%20Quarter%202009.FINAL.pdf)