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. There were 230,790 admitted patient episodes of care, a record quarter for the number of hospital admissions, and a 3.9% increase from the same quarter last year.

*Elective Surgery Performance*

1. The current total number of ‘long wait’ patients waiting has decreased from last year by 15.3%. More elective surgery patients were treated in the September quarter 2009 (including patients treated through Surgery Connect) than ever before, and the total is a 3.4% increase on the number treated in the same quarter last year. The 90th percentile waiting time for elective surgery has decreased in categories 1 and 3 in the September quarter compared to the same quarter last year. The median waiting time across all categories has remained stable at 27 days.

*Emergency Department Performance*

1. During the September quarter 2009 there were 292,645 emergency department presentations in Queensland’s 27 largest hospitals. This is an increase of 5.6% when compared with the September 2008 quarter. Despite the increase in demand, waiting times performance has improved – 61% of patients were seen within the clinically recommended time in the September quarter 2009, an improvement from 58% in the same quarter last year. Information regarding access block – the delay in admission from the emergency department to an inpatient bed – is included in the September quarter report for the first time. Queensland’s current performance is reported at 64% of patients admitted to an inpatient bed within 8 hours, an improvement from 62% in the same quarter last year.

*Surgery Connect*

1. During the September quarter 2009, 1,381 elective surgery patients were referred to the Surgery Connect program, and 1,444 received surgery during the quarter.

*Radiation Treatment Times*

1. The number of working days until the next available time to start radiation treatment has improved during the September quarter 2009. Three of the four facilities which provide this service are now reporting an average delay to access treatment to be within the maximum acceptable waiting time, for both categories 2 and 3.
2. Cabinet endorsed the release of the Quarterly Public Hospitals Performance Report – September Quarter 2009.
3. *Attachments*
* [Quarterly Public Hospitals Performance Report – September Quarter 2009](Attachments/9074%20-%20QHQPHPR%20September%20Quarter%202009.FINAL.pdf)