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 225,923 admitted patient episodes of care, a 3.8% increase from the March 2009 quarter.

*Elective Surgery Performance*

1. Across all categories, the median waiting time for elective surgery was 31 days, an increase from 28 days during the March quarter 2009 and an increase from 27 days during the December quarter 2009.
2. 29,206 elective surgery patients were treated in Queensland public hospitals, a 3.4% increase on the March quarter 2009. In addition, the Surgery Connect program facilitated the treatment of 764 patients, resulting in a total of 29,970 elective surgery patients treated in Queensland, a 0.9% increase on the same quarter of 2009.

*Emergency Department Performance*

1. There were 278,760 emergency department presentations in Queensland’s 27 largest hospitals, an increase of 3.1% compared with the March 2009 quarter.
2. Despite the increase in demand, waiting times performance has decreased slightly in the March quarter 2010, with 66% of patients seen within the clinically recommended time, compared with 67% during the March quarter 2009.

*Access Block*

1. The percentage of emergency department patients requiring admission to an inpatient bed, who are admitted within eight hours, declined to 66%, compared with 68% in both the March quarter 2009 and the December quarter 2009.

*Off-Stretcher times*

1. 88% of ambulance arrivals were transferred off-stretcher within 30 minutes, a decrease in performance from 89% in the December quarter 2009, and a decrease in performance from 90% in the March quarter 2009.

*Radiation Treatment Times*

1. The Royal Brisbane and Women’s hospital report an average delay to access radiation treatment within the maximum acceptable waiting time, for categories 2 and 3.
2. The Princess Alexandra Hospital reported an increase in the delay to treatment in March 2010, being 20 days in category 2 and 32 days in category 3.
3. The Mater reported an average delay to treatment of 10 days for category 2. For category 3, the Mater reported an increase to 21 days in March 2010.
4. Townsville reports a decrease in delay to treatment. In March 2010 the delay to treatment for category 2 patients was 14 days, down from 15 days in December 2009, and 23 days for category 3, down from 24 days in December 2009.

Specialist Outpatient Departments

1. At 1 March 2010 there were 200,817 patients waiting for a new case specialist outpatient appointment, an 11.2% increase from the 180,582 patients at 1 March 2009.
2. In the first eight months of 2009-10, to 1 March 2010, there were 364,914 new case outpatient occasions of service, a 2.1% increase from same period 2008-09.
3. Cabinet endorsed the release of the Quarterly Public Hospitals Performance Report – March Quarter 2010.
4. *Attachments*
* [Quarterly Public Hospitals Performance Report – March 2010](Attachments/QPHPR%20March%202010.pdf)