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

*Hospital Activity*

1. In the September quarter 2008 there was a total of 221,319 admitted patient episodes of care, up by 12,358 or 5.9% from the same period last year.

*Emergency Department Performance*

1. During the September quarter 2008 there were 277,109 emergency department presentations in Queensland’s 27 largest hospitals.
2. When comparing emergency department presentations at the 23 largest hospitals during the September 2008 quarter, there has been a 5.8% increase from that reported in the September 2007 quarter (253,976 compared with 240,166). .

*Emergency Department Waiting Times*

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*Elective Surgery Performance*

1. During the September quarter 2008, 30,764 elective surgery patients were treated, a 4.6% increase on the same quarter of last year. The Surgery Connect program facilitated the treatment of additional elective surgery patients resulting in a total of 32,030 during the quarter.
2. As at 1 October 2008, 34,514 Queenslanders were waiting for elective surgery, compared to 35,061 patients waiting as at 1 October 2007 and 34,703 patients waiting at 1 July 2008.
3. At 1 October 2008, 7,124 patients had waited longer than clinically recommended. This is a decrease of 1,517 or 17.6% from the 8,641 ‘long wait’ patients waiting at 1 October 2007 and a decrease of 386 or 5.1% the 7,510 waiting at 1 July 2008.
4. During the September 2008 quarter, 2,602 elective surgery patients were referred to the Surgery Connect program with 1,266 receiving surgery during the quarter.
5. Cabinet endorsed the release of the Public Hospitals Performance Report for the September 2008 quarter.
6. *Attachments*
* [Quarterly Public Hospitals Performance Report - September Quarter 2008](Attachments/QPHPR_Sep_Qtr_08.pdf)