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. In the December quarter 2008 there was a total of 218,908 admitted patient episodes of care, up by 12,284 or 5.9% from the same period last year.

*Emergency Department Performance*

1. During the December quarter 2008 there were 270,809 emergency department presentations in Queensland’s 27 largest hospitals.
2. When comparing emergency department presentations at the 21 largest hospitals during the December 2008 quarter, there has been a 25.2% increase in attendances since the December Quarter five years ago (2003-04).

*Emergency Department Waiting Times*

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| Category | Treatment acuity | Performance target | December quarter 2007 | December quarter 2008 |
| ATS 1 – Resuscitation | immediate | 100% | 98% | 99% |
| ATS 2 – Emergency | within 10 minutes | 80% | 71% | 73% |
| ATS 3 – Urgent | within 30 minutes | 75% | 57% | 60% |
| ATS 4 – Semi-urgent | within 60 minutes | 70% | 60% | 62% |
| ATS 5 – Non-urgent | within 120 minutes | 70% | 84% | 85% |

*Elective Surgery Performance*

1. During the December quarter 2008, 29,134 elective surgery patients were treated, a 1.9% 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 30,593 during the quarter.
2. As at 1 January 2009, 34,257 Queenslanders were waiting for elective surgery, compared to 35,476 patients waiting as at 1 January 2008 and 34,514 patients waiting at 1 October 2008.
3. At 1 January 2009, 7,074 patients had waited longer than clinically recommended. This is a decrease of 2,013 or 22.2% from the 9,087 ‘long wait’ patients waiting at 1 January 2008. During the December 2008 quarter, 1,267 elective surgery patients were referred to the Surgery Connect program with 1,459, receiving surgery during the quarter.
4. Cabinet endorsed the release of the Public Hospitals Performance Report for the December 2008 quarter.
5. *Attachments*
* [Quarterly Public Hospitals Performance Report - December Quarter 2008](Attachments/QHQPHPR%20December%20Quarter%202008.pdf)