1. There has been an upward trend in the number of private patients being treated in public hospitals.
2. On 19 August 2017, the Commonwealth Department of Health released a public consultation paper entitled ‘Options to reduce pressure on private health insurance premiums by addressing the growth of private patients in public hospitals’.
3. The consultation paper seeks public feedback on reducing pressure on private health insurance premiums by addressing the growth of private patients in public hospitals.
4. Cabinet approved the Government’s submission to the Commonwealth public consultation paper, *Options to reduce pressure on private health insurance premiums by addressing the growth of private patients in public hospitals.*
5. *Attachments*

* [Commonwealth public consultation paper, *Options to reduce pressure on private health insurance premiums by addressing the growth of private patients in public hospitals*](Attachments/Paper.PDF)
* [Queensland submission to the public consultation paper](Attachments/Submission.PDF)