

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee  
**Inquiry into the 2025-26 Budget Estimates**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Portfolio: Health Infrastructure**

**Hearing: 4:05pm Friday 6 June 2025**

**Witnesses**

Melissa Horne MP, Minister for Health  
Infrastructure

Jenny Atta, Secretary, Department of Health

Nicole Brady, Deputy Secretary, System  
Planning, Department of Health

Priscilla Radice, Chief Executive Officer,  
Victorian Health Building Authority

Kevin Devlin, Director General, Victorian  
Infrastructure Delivery Authority

**Legend**

All questions are in **red text**.

The responses to the questions, including source details **black text**.

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**QUESTION:**

**Jade BENHAM:** So the questions that I was asking before are not in fact the same question. I was accused before of asking the same question repeatedly, and you have just answered that question saying they are not; the services come on line separately. So when will the commissioning commence and end? The minister indicated the commissioning had begun, so when will the commissioning be complete?

**Priscilla RADICE:** The commissioning is different for different hospitals and different services. It depends on the health service and which services they are turning on at which time.

**Jade BENHAM:** Are you able to provide us on notice the dates on which the commissioning will be complete?

**Melissa HORNE:** If I can just jump in there, because the completion of commissioning and the start of services is really a matter for the health minister. It is that operationalisation of health services that sits well and truly in the purview of the Minister for Health.

**Jade BENHAM:** Yes, but the commissioning of the infrastructure itself sits with your department here and now. We are just after some dates on when the infrastructure will be finished and ready for clinical staff to be recruited and services to begin.

**Melissa HORNE:** We can certainly provide you with information about the completion of Cranbourne community hospital.

**SOURCE:** NIL Source Quoted

**COMMITTEE MEMBER ASKING QUESTION:** Jade Benham

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**Responsible Division/Agency:** VHBA

**RESPONSE****Answer:**

Final works are now underway on the Cranbourne Community Hospital, including equipment installation, testing, and preparation of clinical service areas.

**Source Reference:**

N/A