

Question on Notice
No. 196
Asked on 27 April 2004

MR SHINE asked the Minister for Police and Corrective Services (Ms SPENCE) -

QUESTION:

Will she advise the state of progress reached with respect to the second and third stages of the Toowoomba police complex redevelopment?

ANSWER:

This Government is committed to improving working conditions for police in Toowoomba.

The replacement Toowoomba Police Station, Watchhouse, District and Regional offices project is extremely complex and is being delivered in 3 stages.

Stage 1 (construction of a new 24-hour police station and watchhouse facility) was completed in January 2003 at a total cost of \$9.64M (excluding GST).

Stage 2 (construction of a 2-storey annex building with a rear single level extension adjacent to the old heritage listed Neil Street Police Station), was completed by the contractor, F K Gardner and Sons on 23 March 2004 and occupied by police on 14 April 2004.

The expected final cost of this stage is \$6.25M (excluding GST).

In the 2003-04 State Budget, this Government committed \$0.1M (excluding GST) to commence designs for the final stage of this project (stage 3). Stage 3 involves a major refurbishment of the old heritage listed Neil Street Police Station and construction of new rear wing to accommodate the Assistant Commissioner and Southern Regional personnel.

The designs for the final stage of the project are now well advanced and should be completed in October 2004.

Department of Public Works anticipate the final cost of this stage will be \$4.85M (excluding GST).

It is anticipated that construction on Stage 3 will commence in December 2004, subject to funding being provided in the 2004-2005 State Budget.

