

Question on Notice
No. 251
Asked on 28 April 2004

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the proposed refurbishment of Upper Mt Gravatt Police Station – Will she outline the benefits this refurbishment will give to local police, particularly the Scenes of Crime Unit?

ANSWER:

This Government is committed to improving and updating police facilities throughout the State.

Critical to effecting crime investigation is the improved gathering of forensic evidence.

During the previous two years, this Government has committed \$5.083M to the upgrade of all Scenes of Crime offices, laboratories and testing facilities across the State. This work will ensure that all these facilities will be Nationally accredited by the [National Association of Testing Authorities \(NATA\)](#).

One site where this work is proposed is the Upper Mt Gravatt Police Station. The proposed refurbishment at the Upper Mount Gravatt Scenes of Crime office will provide forensic officers in South Brisbane District with a significantly enhanced capacity to conduct forensic examinations and procedures to the required NATA standard.

In addition, it will enable forensic evidence to be handled, packaged, recorded and processed in an environment which will minimise the risk of loss or contamination.

With the growing importance of forensic evidence, it is essential that Queensland Police Service Forensic Services adopt quality assured standards for its facilities and procedures.

By doing so investigating police, the public and courts of law can have confidence in the integrity of forensic evidence.

Planning has also commenced on the refurbishment of the remainder of the Upper Mt Gravatt Police Station building.

This will incorporate a relocation of the Metropolitan South Regional office into the building and a refurbishment of accommodation for the District functions.

This refurbishment will greatly enhance the working conditions for police personnel stationed in this building by providing a modern, contemporary working environment.

This Government has committed to commencing this project during the current term of this Government.

