

Question on Notice
No. 671
Asked on 16 June 2004

MR LAWLOR asked the Minister for Police and Corrective Services (MS SPENCE) -

QUESTION:

What "Smart State" initiatives will be incorporated in the new Southport Police Station?

ANSWER:

The Government is committed to improving and updating police facilities throughout the State and the Southport Police Station has been identified as a priority for redevelopment by the Beattie Government.

In June this year it was announced that the old Southport Police Station would be demolished this year and a new \$3.9 million state-of-the-art facility built in its place. The new station will provide the full range of functions of a 24-hour police station.

Project Services, Department of Public Works has commenced work on the project and provided a project proposal for the redevelopment of the station.

A number of "Smart State" initiatives will be considered during the planning stages, including:

- recycling of demolition materials and construction waste where practicable;
- building design with improved flexibility of planning and fit-out systems (to more readily accommodate future changes to Queensland Police Service operational requirements and procedures);
- choice of building exterior fabric based on thermal performance;
- building materials chosen on sustainability grounds, e.g. carpet and ceramic-tiled finishes and water-based paint systems;
- improved daylighting of office/dayroom spaces with controlled sunshading, thermally efficient glazing systems and interior perimeter lighting switched to save energy when natural light is adequate;
- new voice/data telecommunications systems with improved teleconferencing and major incidents response capacities;
- rainwater harvesting, water recycling and water-efficient plumbing systems (to assist with the Gold Coast water supply problems);
- energy efficient lighting;
- digital controls and designed-in energy saving measures for airconditioning plant efficiency; and
- use of e-Tender for project delivery.