

**Question on Notice
No. 764
Asked on 18 June 2004**

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

QUESTION:

Will she provide an update on the construction of the new Stafford Police Station and the expected completion time frames?

ANSWER:

This Government is committed to improving working conditions for police officers and providing the best possible policing service to the community.

A review of the Metropolitan North Region investigated the adequacy of police service delivery throughout the region. This review identified the need to re-establish the Stafford Division and replace the existing Stafford Station. This Government is supportive of the need for the new Station.

Planning for the new 24 hour Stafford Police Station has commenced and an architect has been commissioned to design the replacement station at a site purchased on the corner of Webster Road and Lindley Street, Stafford.

The new station will be designed with the capacity to accommodate approximately 100 uniform and plain-clothes officers and will have the ability to be extended should additional accommodation be required.

The Beattie Government has allocated \$1.5 million in the 2004-05 State Budget to progress work on the new station. The funds, which were provided through the Beattie Government's Smart State Building Fund, will allow for the completion of the design work, a public consultation phase and the opening of tenders for construction.

It is expected that tenders will be called to construct the station in November 2004 with construction commencing in early 2005 and taking approximately nine months to complete.

The total project is expected to cost \$3.75 million.