

Question on Notice
No. 296
Asked on 10 March 2005

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the purchase late last year of a property at 155 Bellini Road, Burpengary for conversion into the new Police Beat-

Will she provide an update on the status of the establishment of this new beat and important new policing service?

ANSWER:

This Government is committed to addressing the growing need for improved policing services in the Burpengary area.

Funds were allocated in the 2004/05 State Budget for the acquisition and fit-out of a property suitable for the establishment of a Neighbourhood Police Beat to service the Burpengary community. This funding was part of a \$10 million Smart State Building Fund election commitment to establish up to 25 police beats over the next three years.

A residential property at 155 Bellini Road, Burpengary was identified last year and settlement of this property took place on 9 December 2004.

Work will be undertaken to convert half an existing double garage into a two-officer Police Beat office. This has been referred to QBuild for preparation of a quotation. Caboolture Shire Council was notified of my intention to designate the property as Community infrastructure and the date for the lodgement of objections closed on 6 April 2005 and no objections were received. The next stage of this process will be Ministerial Designation of this property and then commencement of the fit-out.

It is expected that the conversion for the Beat office will be completed by July 2005 and the new Burpengary Neighbourhood Police Beat will be operating shortly thereafter.

Residents can look forward to the opening of the new beat, which will help meet local policing needs by responding to calls for service, assisting in the timely analysis of intelligence and providing proactive policing.

