

**Question on Notice
No. 316
Asked on 22 March 2005**

MR O'BRIEN asked the Minister for Police and Corrective Services (MS SPENCE) -

QUESTION:

- 1) What action is her department taking to establish a permanent police presence in Wujal Wujal?
- 2) When does she anticipate a new police station will be built?

ANSWER:

A project is currently underway involving the Queensland Police Service Far Northern Region and the Property and Facilities Branch of the Queensland Police Service to progress the establishment of a new station at Wujal Wujal, which is populated by about 300 residents.

The Queensland Police Service is presently negotiating a proposal to develop a trustee lease over land at Wujal Wujal to establish a police facility and officer accommodation. The Service is waiting on a response from the Cape York Land Council to progress this matter.

The establishment of this police station is a priority for the Beattie Government and the Queensland Police Service.

The date for the commencement of a new police station is dependent upon the resolution of these negotiations. In the interim, I have been advised that police from Cooktown respond as required and stay overnight at Wujal Wujal once a week. Interdivisional patrolling activities from Mossman police and Cooktown police have also been established to provide an increased police presence. In addition, the Far Northern Tactical Crime Squad has also conducted operations in conjunction with local police specifically targeting Alcohol Management Plan offences in the Wujal Wujal community.