

**Question on Notice
No. 685
Asked on 12 May 2005**

MS JARRATT asked the Minister for Police and Corrective Services (Ms Spence) -

QUESTION:

With reference to her recent announcement that construction of the new police station in Mackay's northern beaches has commenced which is welcome news-

How will this facility benefit constituents in the Whitsunday Electorate and what are the latest timeframes for its construction?

ANSWER:

This Government is committed to addressing the growing need for policing services in the Eimeo/Northern Beaches area.

To improve service to this community the Beattie Government made funds available in the 2004/05 financial year to acquire land and commence construction of a new Mackay Northern Beaches Police Station.

In addition, \$3.01 million was announced in the 2005-06 Budget for the project, which is expected to cost a total of \$3.6 million.

The site for this new station is situated on the Mackay Eimeo Deviation Road at North Mackay.

A tender to construct the station was awarded on 13 April 2005 and the contractor, Abigroup Contractors Pty Ltd commenced construction on site on 22 April 2005. It is expected that construction will be completed by 30 January 2006.

The new station will be a state of the art facility designed to meet the functional requirements necessary to support efficient police operations.

The station's location will allow an equitable service delivery to the suburban and rural areas north of the Pioneer River.

It will be a significant investment in law and order in this growing community.