

**Question on Notice
No. 1345
Asked on 1 November 2006**

Ms Lee Long asked the Minister for Police and Corrective Services (MS SPENCE) -

QUESTION:

With reference to construction of the new Mareeba Courthouse, Watchhouse and Police Station announced in this year's budget. What progress has been made on this project?

ANSWER:

Project Services, Department of Public Works have been engaged to design, document and project manage the delivery of the new Mareeba Police Station and Watchhouse Project.

The new station and watchhouse are a part of a \$260 million 2006 election commitment by the Beattie Government to create six new police divisions and build more than 20 new police stations and facilities across the state over four years.

The new facility will strengthen community safety by providing police with improved infrastructure and operational resources to combat crime. It is a big improvement on existing police facilities.

Preliminary planning has commenced. Department of Public Works advise that tenders will be called in February 2008, with construction to commence in June 2008. It is expected that construction will be completed by June 2009.