Question on Notice No. 1390 Asked on Thursday, 2 November 2006

MS LEE LONG asked the Minister for Police and Corrective Services (MS SPENCE) -

QUESTION:

With reference to the announced replacement of the Ravenshoe Police Station and holding cell in the 2006-07 Budget –

What progress has been made on this project?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Police Service (QPS) has commenced planning for the replacement Ravenshoe Police Station.

The replacement Station is 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.

The replacement Station will provide office accommodation for up to 11 officers and will incorporate two holding cells, an Officer in Charge office, Sergeants and Constables dayroom and an office to accommodate two visiting Criminal Investigation Branch officers.

A site for this proposed facility is currently being negotiated by the Public Trustee on behalf of the QPS.

It is expected that construction of this replacement facility will commence late in the 2006-07 financial year.