Question on Notice No. 114 Asked on 8 February 2007

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

QUESTION:

Will she update the House on the progress of the Edens Landing Police Beat?

ANSWER:

The aim of the Neighbourhood Police Beat Program is to establish more effective methods to respond to community needs from a joint police and community perspective. Beat policing has been introduced in a number of areas throughout Queensland assessed as suitable for that concept, and involves a police officer living and working within a local community. Each police beat officer works from his or her residence and there is a focus on the officer being out and about, mixing with the community members, hearing and responding to their concerns, and generally providing an enhanced visible policing presence within the local area.

I am pleased to advise that the establishment of the new Edens Landing Police Beat is now well advanced.

A suitable property has been purchased and it is currently being refurbished to accommodate the new police beat. Building works will be completed by the end of March 2007 and it is expected the beat will become operational shortly after.