

**Question on Notice
No. 543
Asked on 17 April 2007**

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the communities of the Southern Moreton Bay Islands who are keen to see the police stations and accommodation on Macleay and Russell Islands completed given some recent local events-

Will she provide the community with an update on the progress of these two eagerly anticipated projects?

ANSWER:

The Beattie Government has committed to spending \$3.5 million to build police stations on Russell Island and Macleay Island.

The new stations will provide a stronger, more highly visible policing presence in the Bay Islands community that will assist police to work with the community to fight crime.

This permanent police presence on the islands, where officers will live amongst the community, will augment continuing support from the Wynnum District Water Police, and officers from the Redland Bay Police Station.

Russell Island Police Station

Last month I approved the commencement of building a police residence on the block owned by the Queensland Police Service in Russell Island. This site will accommodate a new prefabricated police station building as well as a three bedroom residence to accommodate the police officer.

The new police station will include an entry foyer, reception counter, interview room, dayroom, holding cell, storeroom, charge counter, and a meals room.

Macleay Island Police Station

A property was recently purchased on Macleay Island to provide accommodation for the appointed officer, with the police station to be established on an adjoining block.

The Macleay Island Station will have exactly the same design specifications as the police station on Russell Island.

At this stage it is expected that both the new Police Stations will be completed by Christmas.