

**Question on Notice
No.687
Asked on 22 May 2007**

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the replacement of the Ravenshoe Police Station and holding cell which was expected to commence late 2006/07-

What progress has been made on this project?

ANSWER:

The replacement of the Ravenshoe Police Station and holding cell is a part of the Beattie Government's \$260 million commitment to build new police stations and upgrade current facilities over the next four years. In this year's Budget \$102.3 million has been specifically allocated to progress and commence these projects.

I am advised the Queensland Police Service (QPS) is contracted to purchase land on the corner of Carrick Street and Kennedy Highway for the establishment of a replacement police station in Ravenshoe. Whilst the selected site is optimal for operational purposes it is significantly larger than the Police Service's needs; however, the vendor is prepared to subdivide the area into two smaller portions.

As a result of the need to subdivide and town planning issues, Herberton Shire Council imposed development conditions on the land. The vendor has commenced construction work on the property and when works have been completed, settlement can be effected. At this stage, settlement is likely to occur in early September 2007.

Planning is now underway to determine the operational requirements for the new prefabricated building which will contain a dayroom, holding cell(s), a storeroom, an exhibit room and amenities for staff and the disabled.

The supply and delivery of the new prefabricated station is expected to take approximately 4 months following the acquisition of the land, with the connection of services to the building to follow.

At this stage it is anticipated that the new Ravenshoe Police Station will be completed by mid-2008.