

**Question on Notice
No. 879
Asked on 6 June 2007**

Mrs Attwood asked the Minister for Police and Corrective Services (MS SPENCE)—

QUESTION:

Will she advise the progress of the proposed police academy to be sited on the Wolston Park precinct?

ANSWER:

In 2006 the Beattie Government committed \$450M towards the establishment of a new police complex on a site situated in the Westgate land precinct at Wolston Park. The complex will include a state-of-the-art Queensland Police Academy and other operational police facilities.

The Police Service has secured a 103 hectare site in the Westgate precinct and is currently finalising the necessary actions to effect the land transfer in July 2007. Additionally, a draft Memorandum of Cooperation is being prepared to achieve ongoing use of a neighbouring disused site, owned by Queensland Corrective Services, for a police driver training facility.

A comprehensive Risk Management Plan has been developed to ensure the safe transition of the site to the Police Service and I am advised that QBuild will begin a site clean-up and take steps to make the site secure in July 2007. The Police Service will create a Strategic Master Plan which will determine the land uses, delineations, site footprint, corridors for infrastructure, traffic and future growth. The Strategic Master Plan is anticipated to be completed in September 2007.

The Police Service is also currently working with the local Kangaroo Management Group Wacol in conjunction with the Environmental Protection Agency, local government and community representatives to minimise the impact of the police complex on the local fauna. The Police Service has also agreed, in-principle, to the ongoing shared use of the heritage listed cricket pavilion with the Wolston Park Centenary Cricket Club.

Police also propose to meet a number of milestones ahead of the full complex delivery. It is anticipated the Police Service will open its new Driver Training Unit facility in 2009, ahead of full delivery of the Police Academy, Centre for Forensic Science, Counter-Terrorism and Special Services Hub, Centre for Excellence, and warehousing and archiving facilities by 2012.