

Question on Notice
No. 1494
Asked on Tuesday, 28 October 2008

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

QUESTION:

Will she outline the next expansion plan for the Arthur Gorrie Correctional Centre?

ANSWER:

- The Government has recently completed a 180 cell expansion of the Arthur Gorrie Correctional Centre and while there are currently no plans to expand this centre further, Queensland Corrective Services continues to expand and improve correctional centres throughout the state.
- Most recently the following projects have been completed:
 - the expansion and redevelopment of the Brisbane Correctional Centre (previously the Sir David Longland Correctional Centre) at a total cost of \$110 million; and
 - the construction of a new stand alone 154 bed women's correctional centre at Townsville at a cost of \$130 million.
- In addition, work is well advanced on the redevelopment of the male centre in Townsville at a total cost of \$142.5 million which will see 200 new cells available to replace a number of unsafe cells which were constructed in the 1960's. This project will be operational in mid 2009.
- By the end of 2011 Queensland Corrective Services plans to deliver a new 300 bed women's correctional facility as the first of multiple correctional facilities to be established at the South East Queensland Correctional Precinct at Gatton.
- Finally, capacity for male prisoners in north Queensland will be increased by an additional 300 beds, as part of the expansion and refurbishment of the Lotus Glen Correctional Centre. This work is planned for completion by the end of 2012.