

**Question on Notice
No. 1618
Asked on 30 October 2008**

MRS MILLER asked the Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Sport (MS SPENCE)—

QUESTION:

- (1) How will the new Springfield Police Station assist the local community in crime prevention, community safety and child protection?
- (2) What is the estimated cost of the new police station and how many police officers are estimated to be stationed at the station?

ANSWER:

The Bligh Government is planning for Queensland's law and order future today. Currently there are 34 major capital works projects underway either under construction or in design and planning stages an investment of over \$183 million.

These projects include 14 replacement stations and facilities, 9 upgraded facilities, 7 new police stations as well as 2 new police district headquarters and functions.

The new police station at Springfield is a part of this Government's 4 year, \$260 million commitment to provide modern facilities to support police operations including six new police divisions and more than 20 new police stations and facilities around the State.

The Springfield Police Station is a new 24 hour station complex being established on Augusta Parkway, Springfield. This new station will increase police resources and enhance policing services in this rapidly growing part of Queensland. It will improve the capability of local police to prevent crime and respond in a timely and effective manner to calls for service and emergency incidents.

The new station will boost crime prevention through improved access to policing services for the local community. Police will be able to work more closely with the Springfield community in identifying and responding to local law and order issues. The new station will increase the visible police presence and improve police/community interaction in the area.

Springfield will be a safer community through a range of personal, property and road safety activities that will be initiated by the local police to meet the needs of the community.

In addition to the services provided by local police, residents in the Springfield area will continue to receive policing services from officers attached to specialist units in the Ipswich Police District such as the Child Protection Investigation Unit, Criminal Investigation Branch, Tactical Crime Squad and Traffic Branch.

The Bligh Government has allocated \$5.4 million for the new Springfield Police Station. The tendering process has commenced but the actual cost of the police station will not be known until the tender has been awarded.

The staffing numbers are yet to be finalised. It is anticipated that the new police division become operational in late 2009.

The complex will provide vital infrastructure for the Police Service and will cater for increased police numbers for years to come.