Question on Notice No. 1204 Asked on 15 September 2009

MS MALE asked the Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services (MR ROBERTS)—

QUESTION:

With reference to policing resources servicing the Pine Rivers Electorate—

Will the Minister provide advice on the current policing resources and facilities, and what action the government is taking to improve policing services in the area?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question and her continued interest in the policing resources which service the electorate of Pine Rivers.

The Pine Rivers electorate is policed by the Petrie, Albany Creek, Dayboro and Mango Hill Police Divisions, which fall within the Pine Rivers Police District. As at 1 October 2009, the District had an approved strength of 169 sworn officers and an actual strength of 185 officers.

The Petrie Police Division is resourced by the:

- Petrie Police Station, which accommodates 57 general duties officers, the District Criminal Investigation Branch, the District Child Protection and Investigation Unit, Support Services and the District Office;
- Kallangur Residential Police Beat, which is currently staffed by two general duties officers;
- Bray Park Police Residential Police Beat, which is currently staffed by two general duties officers;
- Strathpine Police Beat shopfront, which is currently staffed by one general duties officer; and
- Pine Rivers Police Citizens Youth Club, which currently has one Sergeant (the Branch Manager) attached to it.

The Albany Creek Police Division is resourced by the Albany Creek Police Station and currently has 20 general duties officers.

The Dayboro Police Division is resourced by Dayboro Police Station and is currently staffed by two general duties officers.

The Mango Hill North Lakes Division is resourced by Mango Hill/North Lakes Police Station, which accommodates 13 general duties officers, Scenes of Crime and the Pine Rivers District Traffic Branch.

The Pine Rivers area is also serviced by various specialist units which operate throughout the Pine Rivers Police District. Those units include the Criminal Investigation Branch, Child Protection and Investigation Unit, Support Services, Traffic Branch and Pine Rivers Watchhouse.

While most of the District units are accommodated within a police station, the Pine Rivers Watchhouse is situated at Strathpine and includes the watchhouse staff and District Police Prosecutions.

Recent and future improvements to operational policing resources in the Pine Rivers area include:

- The Pine Rivers Watchhouse, which was officially opened in January 2009, at a cost of \$12 million. This new facility can accommodate up to 20 prisoners;
- Mango Hill/North Lakes Police Station, which was officially opened in March 2009, at a cost of \$5.5 million; and
- The Queensland Police Service purchased the old Petrie Courthouse from the Department of Justice and Attorney General earlier this year, with a view to refurbishing the building to provide accommodation for various District Office and support functions. This facility is not within the Pine Rivers electorate boundary, but units to be housed there will provide policing services in the electorate.