Question on Notice No. 1411 Asked on 7 October 2009

MRS CUNNINGHAM asked the Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services (MR ROBERTS)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the current and projected growth in Calliope—

When will construction of the \$3m police station, promised by the former police minister, commence?

ANSWER:

The Bligh Government is committed to providing the Queensland Police Service (QPS) with the resources, equipment and facilities it needs to maintain safe and secure communities throughout Queensland. That is why we have delivered a record \$1.706 billion budget for the QPS in 2009-10.

This Government recognises the need for a strong policing presence in all communities across the state, including regional and remote areas, and the 2009-10 budget has enabled the QPS to commence pre-design and schematic design for the upgraded Calliope Police Station.

It is anticipated that construction will begin in the 2010/11 financial year with completion expected by early 2012. This upgrade will enhance the ability of police to provide a high standard of service to the residents of Calliope and surrounding areas.