Question on Notice No. 1458 Asked on 7 October 2009

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

QUESTION:

With reference to a report on 3 June 2009 that the Minister had advised that the Bald Hills Police Beat would remain pending a review of resources and infrastructure once the new Carseldine Police Station was operational—

- (1) What is the status of the police review into the future of the Bald Hills Police Beat now that the Carseldine Station is operational?
- (2) What is the department doing in order to expedite this process if the police service report is not yet available?

ANSWER:

The Bald Hills Neighbourhood Beat, situated along Gympie Road, Bald Hills, and the designated beat area has been included within the boundaries of the new Carseldine Police Division.

The 2009-10 record \$1.706 billion budget of the Queensland Police Service allocated \$1.962 million to complete the new Carseldine Police Station, located on Gympie Road, Carseldine. The new station, which was built at a total of \$6.4 million, commenced operations on 29 September 2009.

The Carseldine Police Station provides a significant policing presence within the new Carseldine Police Division, of which the Bald Hills Neighbourhood Beat also forms a part.

The new Division provides a substantial upgrade to policing services in Carseldine and the surrounding area, including Bald Hills. It houses general duties police, providing a minimum two shift roster over seven days a week, with additional staff working during service periods which experience a high number of calls. The station also provides a counter service during normal business hours and has sufficient space for future expansion.

As you would expect, the operation of the Bald Hills Neighbourhood Beat has been reviewed in conjunction with the development of the new Carseldine Police Station to ascertain the current existing and future needs of the Carseldine Police Division as a whole.

At present, the Bald Hills Neighbourhood Beat continues to have a full-time staff allocation of one Senior Constable who is the designated Officer in Charge. This officer is rostered for an average forty hours per week.

I understand the Commissioner is currently giving consideration to the results of the review and an outcome will be known in due course. However, regular patrolling of the Bald Hills area continues to be a priority for Carseldine divisional police.