

**Question on Notice
No. 1724
Asked on 11 November 2009**

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the promise at the last election of \$3m for a new police station at Calliope and given the growth in the area—

Will the Minister provide an update on the progress of that project?

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.

The QPS has allocated \$126 million over a three-year rolling capital works program to enable delivery of a number of new and upgraded police stations across the State, including the Calliope Police Station upgrade project.

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, which is expected to cost approximately \$3 million, will enhance the ability of police to provide a high standard of service to the residents of Calliope and surrounding areas.