Question on Notice No. 73 Asked on 13 February 2014

MR JUDGE asked the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services (MR DEMPSEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to Moorooka Police Station which will be 100 years old in 2015 and is now outdated as an emergency service facility like Annerley Police Station, which are both vital to servicing the Yeerongpilly Electorate—

Will the Minister outline what plans the department has to upgrade these facilities?

ANSWER:

The Newman Government is committed to increasing police numbers and providing frontline police with the necessary resources to do their job.

Our four month mobile data trial 'QLiTE' has recently wrapped up and a formal evaluation into the benefits of the technology is now underway.

Twenty-six QLiTE devices were issued for pilot in South Brisbane District. The stations to which these were issued were determined by the District Officer in conjunction with their respective OICs.

One officer each from Moorooka and Annerley, were issued with QLiTE devices as part of the Mobility pilot. These officers currently still have these devices and a review of their recent activity reveals they are avid users of these devices.

The Assistant Commissioner Brisbane Region has provided an additional number of iPads to be fitted with QLiTE. One of these devices will be issued to a second officer from Moorooka Station in March 2014.

Officers have reported the volume of checks they can do from their devices in the field would not be possible over the existing QPS radio networks and the vast majority of QLiTE transactions returned information to officers in under one second.

Minor Capital Works funding is allocated to priorities with the greatest need.

The Queensland Police Service (QPS) is planning to undertake minor upgrade works at the Moorooka Police Station in the 2013-14 financial year the first since 2009. This upgrade will include the provision of an interview room and an upgrade of security.

There is no work included on the current QPS Works Program for the Annerley Police Station at this time.