

**Question on Notice
No. 701
Asked on 17 July 2015**

MS LEAHY ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON MS MILLER)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister (a) provide an update on the proposal for a 24 hour police station at Chinchilla, and (b) advise of the criteria used to determine if a community requires a 24 hour police station?

ANSWER:

(a) I am advised that the Queensland Police Service is unaware of any proposals to convert Chinchilla Station into a 24 hour facility.

The Chinchilla police station was upgraded at a cost of \$1.019M (excluding GST) and practical completion was issued on 14 November 2014. Works consisted of a general upgrade including amenities, office accommodation, CCTV, exhibit storage and PWD access including:

- Construction of a new exhibit store;
- Upgrade of the interview room, staff amenities, dayroom, reception and foyer;
- Upgrade of Person With Disability access;
- Upgrade of CCTV and electronic security; and
- Provision of a new generator.

As at 30 July 2015, Chinchilla Station has an approved police strength of 9 and an actual police headcount of 9. The area is supported by the Dalby Patrol Group within the Southern Region and has access to specialist police services within District, Regional and Central Functions including CIB, CPIU, Intelligence and Road Policing.

(b) The QPS considers a number of factors when reviewing service delivery needs for a particular location. In conjunction with prioritising state-wide policing requirements, these factors include, but are not limited to: an analysis of the impact of changing demographics in the subject area; crime patterns; proximity of existing police resources which could assist, such as the Central Functions stated above; and the availability of staffing resources. The same approach applies irrespective of whether the station is small or at the threshold of becoming a 24 hour establishment. The Chinchilla community can be confident that the QPS allocate resources according to business needs.