

Question on Notice

No. 1114

Asked on 5 September 2018

MR R MOLHOEK ASKED THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR JUSTICE (HON Y D'ATH) –

QUESTION:

With reference to the answer to the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee's estimates pre-hearing Question on Notice No. 15—

Will the Attorney-General advise if the government is going to upgrade the Rockhampton, Beenleigh, Townsville and Brisbane Magistrates Courts in 2018-19?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Southport for his question.

The Palaszczuk Government is investing \$32 million in upgrades to Rockhampton, Beenleigh and Townsville Courthouses. These projects will support approximately 51 direct FTE jobs for two years.

The Rockhampton Courthouse Upgrade scope of works includes full external refurbishment (including windows, roof and cladding), an access ramp for people with disability, enclosed balconies and rectification of water ingress issues. The construction tender closed 22 August 2018 with construction forecast to commence in October 2018 and reach practical completion by October 2019.

The Beenleigh Courthouse Upgrade scope of works includes a refurbished magistrates courtroom, new domestic and family violence (DFV) courtroom, secure DFV area, secure entrance/exit for DFV clients, new internal lift, new interview and conference rooms, a larger refurbished Magistrates Court registry, refurbished public waiting area, refurbished public entrance, upgraded electronic security, modern AV/VC facilities, and upgraded building services. Construction is forecast to commence in December 2018 and reach practical completion by December 2019.

The Townsville Courthouse Upgrade scope of works includes a new DFV courtroom, secure DFV area, secure entrance/exit for DFV clients, new interview and conference rooms, refurbished Magistrates Court registry, new external stairs and shared entrance to both the Supreme Court and District Court Building and the Magistrates Court Building, new internal lift, a refurbished public waiting area, upgraded electronic security, modern AV/VC facilities and upgraded building services. The construction tender closed 7 September 2018 with construction forecast to commence in November 2018 and reach practical completion by November 2019.

The Brisbane Magistrates Court Level 3 refurbishment funding was deferred to out-years to allow for additional stakeholder consultation and strategic planning to occur in 2018–19.