

Question on Notice
No. 901
Asked on 21 August 2018

MR T WATTS ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide an update on the Highfields police station including (a) when a new site will be purchased, (b) the cost of the original site, (c) the amount of money that the original site has been sold for or valued at, and (d) when the station will be opened?

ANSWER:

At the 2017 State Election the Palaszczuk Government committed to progressing the delivery of a new police facility for the Highfields community during this term of government. This is an important piece of infrastructure for police and the Highfields community.

The Queensland Police Service (QPS) and the Public Safety Business Agency (PSBA) have advised that in 2009 a block of land was purchased at 22 Highfields Road for \$380,000 (inclusive of GST).

In 2009, this property fell outside the Toowoomba Regional Council flood zone. Following the Toowoomba 2011 flood event, an updated flood study of the region was undertaken and Council advised it could no longer confirm that 22 Highfields Road would be outside their designated flood zone.

Following this advice PSBA sought to locate a new site for the police facility. I am advised that a new site has been identified and construction of the new facility is expected to commence during this term of government.

The 22 Highfields Road site has now been declared surplus to operational requirements of the QPS and the disposal of this site will be progressed in accordance with provisions in the Queensland Government Land Transaction Policy.