

**Question on Notice**

**No. 213**

**Asked on Wednesday, 19 February 2020**

**MR E SORENSEN** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

**QUESTION:**

Will the Minister advise why the government cancelled the contract to purchase the land adjoining the Hervey Bay police station which is desperately needed for future expansion and proper staffing amenities?

**ANSWER:**

I am advised by the Public Safety Business Agency (PSBA) that extensive due diligence investigations were undertaken in relation to this proposed site and that, as a result, the site was determined to be not fit for purpose due to the site being affected by overland water flow.

It is important to ensure that any decision in relation to any prospective facility must meet required standards and reflect sound financial management practices, particularly in relation to the use of taxpayers' funding.

Further, I have been assured by the Queensland Police Service that current staffing levels at the Hervey Bay Police station are sufficient. I am advised that the Commissioner will continue to monitor staffing levels in this area to ensure community needs continue to be met now and into the future.