

Question on Notice
No. 781
Asked on 25 June 2025

HON G BUTCHER ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES
(HON D PURDIE)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide a breakdown of funding that will be expended across the forward estimates (reported separately by year and police district) in relation to watchhouse capital works?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that, as part of the 2025-26 Budget, the Queensland Government allocated \$27 million for the new Palm Island multi-agency community safety facility, with \$1M budgeted for 2025-26, and the remainder post 2025-26. This includes funding for a replacement watchhouse on Palm Island.

I am also advised that the Government is providing additional capital funding of \$1.7 million over two years from 2024-25 for remediation works and vehicles to address safety and privacy concerns for young people, and other maintenance issues in watchhouses, as part of implementing the *Making Queensland Safer Laws*.

In addition, the Government has allocated more than \$16 million to continue to deliver urgent reforms to restore safety, standards and infrastructure upgrades to Queensland watchhouses to support immediate works necessary to ensure safe, secure and fit-for purpose environments.

I am informed that the Queensland Government has allocated \$2.5 million capital funding to the QPS in 2025-26 for the Watchhouse Modernisation Program.

Further, I am informed that following the release of the QPS Watch-house Review (the review) on 10 July 2025, the QPS is currently scoping a forward program of capital works and maintenance across the State-wide police network of watchhouses, with a focus on prioritising key recommendations from the review, ensuring investment is directed to areas of greatest impact and system need.