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Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services

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Minister for the Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence

Minister for Corrections

Minister for Gaming Reform

Member for Murrumbidgee

RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Questions on Notice Paper No 4

Friday, 21 March 2025

Question No. 240

MS MORRIS: To ask the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services —

1. What update can the Minister provide in relation to the Emergency Services Station in Casey, including (a) when the design phase will be complete, (b) who is drafting the design, and was there a tender process, (c) what is the expected cost to taxpayers, (d) when is construction expected to commence, (e) when will construction be completed and (f) when will the new facility be operational.
2. When can residents expect to see the Gungahlin Joint Emergency Services Centre (GJESC) become a stand-alone police station.
3. How many police officers are currently stationed at GJESC.
4. How many police staff have been relocated to accommodate works at GJESC.
5. Will the Minister publicly release a timeline for both projects.

Dr Marisa Paterson MLA – The answer to the Member's questions are as follows:

1. In relation to the Emergency Services Station project in Casey:
 - a) The project is currently reaching the end of concept design stage. Design will continue during 2025.
 - b) The design work that is currently underway is being completed by AMC Architecture who were engaged through a public, open market tender process.
 - c) The ACT Government has invested \$1.9 million into the design of a new station for ACT Fire and Rescue and the ACT Ambulance Service in West Gungahlin (Casey).
 - d) Funding and timeframes for construction will be subject to future budget considerations.
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- f) Funding and timeframes for construction (and subsequent operationalisation) will be subject to future budget considerations.
2. Forecast dates for conversion of the Gungahlin Joint Emergency Services Centre into a stand alone police station are dependent on construction and operationalisation of the Emergency Services Station in Casey.
3. Individual ACT Police Station resources are not routinely publicly released as this information could be used to inform criminal offending.

It is important to note that the way in which ACT Policing deploys its resources is not fixed. Canberra's condensed geographical nature means that officers can move across the Territory in a timely manner, with police regularly undertaking duties and providing real time responses in different patrol zones if the resources are required.

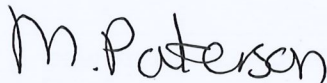
ACT Policing has access to many resources, in addition to those located at each station, and its dispatch system ensures the closest and most available resources are allocated.

While stations will always be a part of the police ecosystem, it is important to recognise that ACT Policing officers have more communication tools and technology than ever before, which allows them to do more of their work on the road and respond faster to crimes and community safety.

As at 31 March 2025, there were 196 sworn members attached to North District.

4. Nil.
5. The ACT Infrastructure Plan Update (2024) for City Services, Recreation and Community Facilities includes a broad timeline for these initiatives, which are estimated to be completed within five years. An indicative timeline for each project will be made available once construction funding is confirmed with a more detailed timeline available on engagement of the construction contractor.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



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