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PRESS STATEMENT

FROM: MR. TERRY MCRAE, MEMBER FOR PLAYFORD.

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Mr. Terry McRae, Member for Playford, today announced that the new Police Station to be built at Para Hills should be completed by next March.

He said that the Chief Secretary, Mr. Shard, had told him that Cabinet had approved the acceptance of a tender for the Police Station which would include residential quarters for single men and a new cell block.

"The building is estimated to cost more than \$100,000.

"The new station will be at the intersection of Bertana Road, Ayfield Terrace and Bridge Road.

Mr. McRae said he was very pleased that the Government had been able to give such high priority to the project.

"I have been concerned for some time about the need for a police station here and I have raised the matter several times in the House of Assembly and privately with Mr. Shard," Mr. McRae said.

"The situation up to now, one under which Para Hills was under the control of Elizabeth, some six miles away, was plainly unsatisfactory.

"In my discussions with him Mr. Shard told me that the Government accepted this and the need for a centralised operation in Para Hills itself.

"The Government's view was that the need for a separate station was reinforced by the likely expansion of the area."

Mr. McRae said that provision had been made in the new building for a utility room where cases could be heard by Justices of the Peace.

Normal court functions will continue to be conducted at Elizabeth where all facilities are available.