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Dar Ms. Ritchie,

To ask the Minister of Justice when work will commence on the new police station in Downpatrick; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

The above mentioned question was placed before the Minister of Justice, who has deemed that this is an operational matter for the Police Service of Northern Ireland. Therefore the Chief Constable has been asked to respond directly.

Unfortunately, due to significant capital funding restraints within the PSNI over the next 3 years, the Downpatrick new build project will not commence during 2010/11, as originally planned. It is now rephased until 2011/12, or later, subject to available capital funding taking into account other significant commitments including the Public Services Training College.

Please be advised that a copy of this letter will be placed in the Library of the Northern Ireland Assembly. If you have any queries regarding this response, please address your correspondence to Command Secretariat, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, Northern Ireland BT5 6LE.

I trust this is of assistance.

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