The police facility and lock-up under construction in Mitchell Street will cost an additional $1.86 million to complete after the former CLP Government failed to include important safety measures in its design, including separate lifts for prisoners and members of the public.

Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services Syd Stirling today told Parliament that the facility designed under the CLP posed serious security risks for both police and the public and required significant correction by the current Government.

"The police lock-up was designed with only one lift, which would have seen members of the public travelling in the same lift as prisoners," Mr Stirling said.

"This is a totally unacceptable arrangement and must be rectified.

"This Government will ensure that a separate lift is built for prisoners, so there is no need for them to come into contact with members of the public who may have business in the facility.

"Other design faults include an air conditioning system which lacks full air reticulation, presenting serious occupational health issues for police officers working in the facility, as well as inadequate security lighting and control systems.

"Another glaring failure in the facility’s design is the absence of a back up generator, which would leave the facility without any form of power in the event of a black out.

"It appears that the previous CLP Government failed to properly fund or manage the project in their haste to crow about its construction during last year's election campaign.

"This Government will ensure that the new police premises has a separate prisoner lift, a proper air conditioning system, and appropriate power back up in times of emergency.

"It is crucial that the facility is equipped with the best possible safety measures in place for the security of both the police who work in the building and members of the public."