

**Question on Notice
No. 1716
Asked on 30 October 2007**

MR MESSENGER asked the Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Sport (MS SPENCE)—

QUESTION:

Will she provide a breakdown of the number of first year constables at each police station across Queensland, as at 30 October 2007 and, of the first year constables that graduated on 24 October 2007, how many will have field training officers with less than 5 years experience?

ANSWER:

As at the 1 November 2007, there are 9682 sworn police officers in Queensland including first year constables. First year constables are sworn officers and perform policing duties expected of their rank with the support of more experienced officers.

First-year constables are assigned to a number of training centres throughout the State. Designated training centres comprise districts or stations able to consistently deliver the breadth of experiences required for first-year constables to demonstrate a range of competencies within their initial year of service.

First-year constables may be rotated through a number of stations and specialist units associated with their allocated training centre.

The Queensland Police Service advises all field training officers have the appropriate level of experience to support first year constables.