

Question on Notice
No. 622
Asked on 13 September 2012

MS TRAD asked the Minister for Police and Community Safety (MR DEMPSEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the recent expressions of interest circulated to members of the Queensland Police Service to fill police recruiting and police academy positions—

Will the Minister state how many police officers already, have been and will be moved from frontline operational positions to positions in police recruitment and police academy training roles?

ANSWER:

The Government's commitment to provide an additional 1,100 police officers over the next four years requires additional temporary support to manage the increased workload in recruiting and training the new recruits.

The positions in police recruitment are classed as non-operational, and police academy recruit training roles are classified as operational. These roles are all classed as Frontline. Officers are being laterally transferred or seconded to perform these roles.

The Queensland Police Service advises that one police officer is currently on a short-term placement from operational duties to assist with police recruitment. It is anticipated up to five police officers may be required on short-term placements. These officers will assist with applicant integrity screening and selection processes in response to the significant level of public interest in the additional 1,100 frontline police officer positions being provided over the next four years.

With respect to training requirements, eight additional police have been identified with nine more being sought (17 in total) to assist for an initial 12 month period in the Recruit and Operational Skills Branch. These officers will assist with the operational role of recruit training, including; driving, firearms, physical and computer training at the Queensland Police Service Academy at Oxley.

The frontline and operational experience and skills of police officers provide a great benefit to the training program undertaken by recruits.

These arrangements will be reviewed after the initial 12 month period.