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Hon Derrick Tomlinson; Hon Nick Griffiths

POLICE OFFICERS, NUMBERS AND DUTIES

1677. Hon Derrick Tomlinson to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Will the Minister please provide the following information -

- (1) How many full-time equivalent sworn Western Australian police officers were undertaking administrative duties as at -
 - (a) February 1st 1999;
 - (b) February 1st 2000;
 - (c) February 1st 2001;
 - (d) February 1st 2002;
 - (e) February 1st 2003; and
 - (f) February 1st 2004?
- (2) How many full-time equivalent sworn Western Australian police officers were undertaking media or public relations duties on a full-time basis as at -
 - (a) February 1st 1999;
 - (b) February 1st 2000;
 - (c) February 1st 2001;
 - (d) February 1st 2002;
 - (e) February 1st 2003; and
 - (f) February 1st 2004?
- (3) How many full-time equivalent sworn Western Australian police officers were undertaking front cover duties on a full-time basis as at -
 - (a) February 1st 1999;
 - (b) February 1st 2000;
 - (c) February 1st 2001;
 - (d) February 1st 2002;
 - (e) February 1st 2003; and
 - (f) February 1st 2004?
- (4) How many full-time equivalent sworn Western Australian police officers were undertaking lock-up duties as at -
 - (a) February 1st 1999;
 - (b) February 1st 2000;
 - (c) February 1st 2001;
 - (d) February 1st 2002;
 - (e) February 1st 2003; and
 - (f) February 1st 2004?
- (5) How many full-time equivalent sworn Western Australian police officers were undertaking rostering duties as at -
 - (a) February 1st 1999;
 - (b) February 1st 2000;
 - (c) February 1st 2001;
 - (d) February 1st 2002;
 - (e) February 1st 2003; and
 - (f) February 1st 2004?
- (6) How many full-time equivalent sworn Western Australian police officers were undertaking community education duties as at -

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(a)	February	1st	1999

- February 1st 2000; (b)
- February 1st 2001; (c)
- February 1st 2002; (d)
- February 1st 2003; and (e)
- February 1st 2004? (f)
- **(7)** How many full-time equivalent sworn Western Australian police officers were undertaking court security and prisoner transport duties as at -
 - February 1st 1999; (a)
 - February 1st 2000; (b)
 - February 1st 2001; (c)
 - February 1st 2002; (d)
 - February 1st 2003; and (e)
 - February 1st 2004?
- (8) How many full-time equivalent sworn Western Australian police officers were undertaking secretarial duties as at -
 - February 1st 1999; (a)
 - February 1st 2000; (b)
 - February 1st 2001; (c)
 - February 1st 2002; (d)
 - February 1st 2003; and (e)
 - February 1st 2004? (f)

Hon NICK GRIFFITHS replied:

The Western Australia Police Service advise:

- The Police Service does not record how many sworn FTEs undertake administrative roles in a manner that enables collection of meaningful data. However since 2001, 92 sworn FTEs have been redeployed from Administrative roles.
- 2 The following figures are the approved sworn strength of the Public Affairs Directorate including the Band.

1999 13

2000 14

2001 12

2002

11

2003 11

2004

Sworn members of the Police Band are required to devote a minimum of 50% of their time to providing assistance to Police Districts and other areas, for example by conducting security audits.

- No sworn FTEs are solely deployed to perform these duties. These duties are principally performed by 3 unsworn customer service officers with sworn staff performing these duties on a needs basis.
- 4 The Perth Watch House has 48 sworn FTEs. It has operated as a stand-alone unit since January 2003. In previous years a similar number of FTE were used however they were from the approved allocation for Central Police Station and as such no specific records are available.
- No sworn FTEs are deployed solely to perform rostering duties. 5
- 6 The following figures are approved FTE at Crime Prevention & Community Support portfolio and similar functions in the Districts:

1999 126

2000 130

2001 118

2002 114

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2003	115
2004	113

- There were 32 FTE at Central Law Courts to carry out these duties up to the transfer of the function to AIMS in October 2002. From that time there are no staff dedicated to these duties. No specific records are maintained in relation to other courts as these duties are undertaken on a needs basis by station staff.
- 8 There are no sworn FTE specifically dedicated to Secretarial Duties.