

**Question on Notice  
No. 952  
Asked on 31 August 2004**

MR JOHNSON asked the Minister for Police and Corrective Services (MS SPENCE) -

**QUESTION:**

With reference to the Government's commitment to initiate a civilianisation program in 2005-06 that will eventually return an estimated 500 police officers to operational duties -

- (1) Where are these officers being returned to the beat likely to be sourced from?
- (2) Will she guarantee that these officers returned to the beat will be attached to stations which require additional support or may be below their approved strength?
- (3) In commencing this civilianisation program, is she having any difficulties with officers refusing to leave their desk job?

**ANSWER:**

After seeking advice from the Commissioner of Police, the following information is provided:

- (1) The majority of officers being returned to direct service delivery duties will be officers attached to general duties police divisions. These officers are currently performing rotational duties in watchhouses, communication centres and/or counters. Civilianising these roles increases the general duties capacity at divisions.
- (2) Staff released from non-regional and specialist positions have in the past been allocated to operational duties commensurate with their skills, with the position being re-allocated to operational areas within regions by way of the Regional Allocation Model to ensure an equitable distribution across the State.
- (3) The Commissioner has advised that he is not aware of any problems with the civilianisation process and he has assured me that the Queensland Police Service will achieve the Government's target.

