

**Question on Notice
No. 515
Asked on 20 April 2005**

Mr Hayward asked the Minister for Police and Corrective Services (MS SPENCE) -

QUESTION:

With reference to the appointment of a school-based police officer for Dakabin State High School-

Will she advise the start-up date for Senior Constable Arato?

ANSWER:

School Based Police Officers aim to promote positive relationships between the school community and police; contribute to an understanding of the law/legal processes and procedures, particularly in relation to young people; and attend, where appropriate, to police related matters within the school community.

The successful applicant for the position of School Based Police Officer at Dakabin State High school commenced duty on Monday, 18 April 2005. Senior Constable Jeremy Arato will be based at Dakabin State High School, which has a school population of 1200 students.

The School Based Police Officer position is overseen by a supervisor (the Officer in Charge, Juvenile Aid Bureau within the School Based Police Officer's area), who forms a Local Consultative Committee to determine the School Based Police Officer's direction within the school. The Local Consultative Committee consists of the School Based Police Officer, the School Based Police Officer's supervisor and the school principal representing the local school cluster. This committee is responsible for the development and implementation of proactive strategies and activities within the school cluster.

The School Based Police Officer position at Dakabin State High School is one of eight to be funded in 2004/05 as part of a Beattie Government election commitment to provide an extra 16 School Based Police Officers in Queensland.

I am sure the new officer will be a great addition to the Harristown State High School community and the officer is looking forward to the opportunities and challenges that the position will present.

The new position is in addition to the School Based Police Officers already based at Pine Rivers and Bray Park State High Schools and Kelvin Grove State College in the Metropolitan North Region.