

Question on Notice
No. 1499
Asked on Wednesday, 29 November 2006

Mr O'BRIEN asked the Minister for Police and Corrective Services (MS SPENCE) -

QUESTION:

What is the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people currently on staff in the Queensland Police Service in the State's north and what types of positions do they hold?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Police Service continues to promote and maintain effective relationships between its members and multicultural and Indigenous communities.

A number of programs provide opportunities for members of multicultural and Indigenous communities who may be seeking employment in the QPS. They include:

- Cross Cultural Liaison Officer (CCLO) scheme;
- Police Liaison Officer (PLO) scheme;
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Justice Entry Program Traineeships

The QPS Justice Entry Program was the winner of the Queensland Public Sector Best Learning & Development Initiative Award, 2004 and a finalist in the Australian National Training Award, 2004.

The Queensland Police Service has been offering traineeships for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people since 1997 to help Indigenous applicants gain the necessary educational qualifications for entry to an operational policing career.

As at 6 December 2006 there were 137 members of the QPS who self identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander employed in the Central, Northern and Far Northern police regions.

Employees who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander perform a range of duties including general duties, water police, crime prevention, communications room duties, crime scene investigation, criminal investigation branch, community liaison and administrative duties.