

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 1729**  
**Asked on 12 November 2008**

MR ELMES asked the Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Sport (MS SPENCE)—

**QUESTION:**

With reference to her announcement of 16 July 2008 that \$14m had been committed to the roll out of Tasers for Queensland police—

- (1) How many Tasers have been purchased to date (broken down by police district)?
- (2) How many police officers have received Taser training (broken down by police district)?
- (3) How many police officers are currently qualified to use Tasers (broken down by police district)?
- (4) How much of the promised \$14m for the Taser roll out has been spent to date and what has this money been spent on (broken down by police district)?

**ANSWER:**

- (1) Following my announcement in July 2008 indicating 1,240 Tasers would be bought this financial year, the Queensland Police Service placed an order with the supplier and received a consignment in October of 1,240 Tasers. The Tasers will be distributed to districts once suitable storage arrangements such as the installation of safes are completed.
- (2) A total of 543 officers have been trained in the use of Tasers. Between May 2007 and June 2008 the Queensland Police Service trained 383 officers from the Metropolitan North, Metropolitan South and South Eastern Police Regions in the use of Tasers. Since my July announcement concerning the rollout, a further 160 officers have been trained. Of those officers, 140 have been trained as instructors and it will be these officers who deliver training to our front-line police in each district commencing from 1 January 2009. Further instructor training is presently occurring which will see approximately 200 instructors in place and trained to deliver this training beginning in the New Year.
- (3) There are currently 543 officers trained and qualified in the use of Tasers. As part of the rollout plan, front-line training will be delivered to 2,600 officers in all police districts across the State in this financial year. A further 2,600 will be trained in the use of Tasers between July and December 2009.
- (4) Since my announcement in July, a total of \$3,803,076 (GST exclusive) has been spent to support the rollout of Tasers to police across the State. This includes \$3,069,601 for the initial purchase of Taser products. A further \$333,500 has been spent on constructing safes and obtaining rigid cases for the storage of Tasers when not in use. With the addition of a Taser holster on the police utility belt, the Queensland Police Service has also spent \$400,000 for an initial supply of General Accoutrement Vests which will assist officers with carrying all their necessary equipment.