

**Question on Notice
No. 1060
Asked on 17 June 2011**

MR LANGBROEK asked the Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services (MR ROBERTS)—

QUESTION:

How many police officers have been seconded to other agencies in 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 (reported by year and rank of officers) and how many officers have since resigned from the QPS?

ANSWER:

The secondment of police officers to external agencies to perform law enforcement duties, particularly the Crime and Misconduct Commission (CMC), allows officers to gain a broad range of policing experience. It also allows significant access to special provisions designed to tackle serious crime groups and complement Queensland Police Service (QPS) investigations.

The majority of QPS officers seconded to external agencies are employed with the CMC and Australian Federal Police - Airport Uniform Policing. A small number of officers are seconded to various other police jurisdictions and public sector agencies.

QPS police officers seconded to external agencies as at 30 June 2009, 30 June 2010 and 1 June 2011 are shown, by rank, in the attached table.

Between 1 July 2008 and 1 June 2011, 40 police officers attached to external agencies have separated from the QPS.

While the loss of experienced police officers has some impact, the operating performance and capability of the QPS have not been adversely affected.

The separation of police officers from the QPS fluctuates from year to year depending mainly on the social and economic factors at the time. The annual turnover of police officers has typically been around 3% - 5%.

In the 2009-10 financial year, 350 police officers separated from the QPS at a turnover rate of 3.37%. In comparison, 388 police officers separated in the 2008-09 financial year at a 3.89% turnover rate.

At 1 June 2011 of the current financial year, 385 police officers had separated from the QPS. The QPS anticipates the turnover rate for the 2010-11 financial year will be around 4%.

ATTACHMENT

**Table: QPS police officers seconded to external agencies as at 30 June 2009,
30 June 2010 and 1 June 2011**

Location/Rank	2008-09 at 30 June 09	2009-10 at 30 June 10	2010-11 at 1 June 11
Crime and Misconduct Commission			
Assistant Commissioner	1	1	1
Chief Superintendent	1	1	0
Superintendent	2	2	2
Inspector	9	10	6
Senior Sergeant	10	9	11
Sergeant	25	24	23
Senior Constable/Constable	25	21	25
Sub-total	73	68	68
Airport Uniform Policing			
Inspector	6	5	4
Senior Sergeant	6	5	4
Sergeant	14	13	8
Senior Constable/Constable	54	76	45
Sub-total	80	99	61
Other Agencies			
Inspector	0	1	2
Senior Sergeant	3	2	2
Sergeant	5	5	5
Senior Constable/Constable	3	6	6
Sub-total	11	14	15
TOTAL	164	181	144