

Question on Notice
No. 922
Asked on 27 August 2025

HON G BUTCHER ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES
(HON D PURDIE)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Minister's response to Estimates Pre-hearing Question on Notice No. 4 of 2025— Will the Minister provide (a) the breakdown of the '1,600 new recruits planned over coming years ... both to fill vacancies and to fill new police growth positions' (reported separately, by those filling vacancies and those filling growth) and (b) the date that the first of the '1600 new recruits' will commence at the academy?

ANSWER:

(a) I am advised by the Queensland Police Service that:

Between 31 October 2024 and 31 August 2025 –

- 896 new police officers have been sworn in;
- 1,013 new police recruits commenced (172 of whom have been sworn in); and
- The police officer headcount has increased by 323, from 12,303 to 12,623.

It is projected that by 31 March 2026 more than 1,600 new police officers will have been sworn in since 31 October 2024.

It is also projected that by 31 March 2026 more than 1,600 new police recruits will have commenced since 31 October 2024.

I am advised that new recruits are not divided up into “those filling vacancies” and “those filling growth”. The plan aims to address existing vacancies, new vacancies arising from police attrition and new growth requirements across an extended period.

I am advised since 31 October 2024 there are 55 planned recruit intakes at the North Queensland and Oxley Police Service Academies, resulting in up to 5,142 new recruits able to be trained until 31 October 2028.

(b) I am further advised by the Queensland Police Service that:

- The first of the new recruits after 31 October 2024 commenced on 18 November 2024;
- The first intake of the new police officers sworn in after 31 October 2024 was on 14 November 2025.