



# Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

## Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Ms Deborah Morris MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services

Reference: ACT Police

Hearing: 20 November 2025

In relation to: ACT Policing and Police Numbers

Question received: 27/11/2025

Answer Due: 04/12/2025

1. What sworn officer headcount is the government using to measure their commitment to grow police numbers by 150 to 2029.
2. What date was the number referred to in part (1) taken.
3. What is the current headcount for sworn officers in ACT Policing.
4. What is the latest rate of attrition for general duties ACT Policing officers, including resignations, retirement and transfer within the Australian Federal Police.
5. Based on current recruitment and attrition rates, will the government reach their target of an additional 150 officers by 2029.

DR MARISA PATERSON MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. The table below outlines the (More ACT Police) recruitment by Financial Year:

MORE ACT POLICE FUNDING BY FINANCIAL YEAR						
	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	Total
Sworn	13.5	18.5	37	23	18	110
Operational Unsworn	1.5	1.5	0	1	0	4
Professional	4.25	3.75	2	2	0	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>19.25</b>	<b>23.75</b>	<b>39.00</b>	<b>26.00</b>	<b>18.00</b>	<b>126</b>

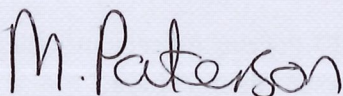
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The ACT Government provided \$74.33 million over four years in the 2023-24 Budget for ACT Policing to grow by 126 Full-Time-Equivalent (FTE) staff. The ACT Government has since committed to increase that number by 24 to a total of 150 FTE by 2029.

Funding arrangements for the additional 24 FTE is subject to ACT Government Budget processes.

2. The commitment to the 150 FTE was identified in the ACT Labor Position Statement released on 7 October 2024.
3. As at 19 November 2025, ACT Policing have 776 sworn police members. This figure is subject to change.
4. ACT Policing have an attrition rate of 6.02 per cent as at 1 December 2025. This is inclusive of all resignations and separations from the organisation, sworn and unsworn. This does not include transfers between ACT Policing and the AFP.
5. ACT Policing have implemented workforce strategies to reach FTE targets, through new recruitment and transfers from the AFP. As at November 2025, ACT Policing is forecasted to reach its recruitment targets.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs

Signature: 

Date: 16/12/25

By the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services, Dr Marisa Paterson MLA