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Dear Simon

Thank you for your Constituent Question seeking information about police numbers, and the distribution of police officers in our cities and regional areas.

I am pleased to share that our police numbers are the highest they have ever been, with our police force having grown more than 30% over the past ten years. Additionally, we have two further police recruit courses commencing for the remainder of the year.

The total headcount of sworn police officers frequently fluctuates depending on factors such as the natural attrition of police officers and graduations. The number of full-time police officer positions assigned to each police district is referred to as the establishment of officers. The establishment will always be lower than the headcount, because not every officer works full time.

A summary of the police officer establishment allocated against each police district is included as an addendum to this letter.

Yours sincerely



Hon Felix Ellis MP
Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management
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Addendum: sworn police officer establishment* per district

District	Sworn Officers	Relevant divisions
Southern	521	Hobart, Kingston, Glenorchy, Bridgewater, Clarence, East Coast, Criminal Investigation Branches, District Support
Northern	268	Launceston, Central North, North-East, St Helens, District Support, Criminal Investigation Branches
Western	254	Devonport, Burnie, Central-West, District Support, Criminal Investigation Branches
Statewide Services	136	Statewide
Family and Sexual Violence	79	Includes Northern, Western, and Southern
Crime and Intelligence	58	Statewide
Emergency Management and Special Response	28	Statewide
Education and Training	31	Some officers in North and North-West
Business Improvement Unit	9	Statewide
Professional Standards	11	Statewide
Strategy and Support	11	Some officers in North and West
Office of the Commissioners	9	Statewide
People and Culture	4	Statewide
Wellbeing Support	2	Statewide

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