

POLICE — VACANCIES — WHEATBELT

403. Hon Colin de Grussa to the minister representing the Minister for Police:

What are the number of sworn police officer FTE vacancies in the Wheatbelt Police District, as at 9 November 2021?

Hon Stephen Dawson replied:

The McGowan Government is delivering 950 extra police officers over four years, the single largest increase in police officer numbers. Over 400 new officers will have graduated this year.

FTE are deployed by the Commissioner of Police to address areas of greatest operational need. To enable this, vacancies are carefully managed across the Western Australia Police Force.

The Western Australian Police Force advise:

Data identifying officer numbers can vary daily due to a number of factors, including; natural attrition, leave without pay, and transfers between districts, and officers being attached to specific operations. The data includes all positions which are not substantively filled (ie; internal vacancy) and which are still subject to advertisement/selection process. The Police Officer Deployment Unit issue transfer notices to successful applicants, following which an officer's physical arrival in a new position can take up to six weeks in Regional Western Australia. The data does not reflect officer numbers undertaking operations, or for those providing support functions, nor targeted deployments, which regularly boost local capacity.

As of 30 November 2021, there are 158.4 FTE police officers employed in the Wheatbelt Police District. This is an increase of 14 from 30 June 2016. As at 9 November 2021 there is currently 13 FTE vacancies in the district, which will grow the workforce to a record high of 171 FTE.