

POLICE — DNA SAMPLES

871. Mrs M.H. Roberts to the Minister for Police:

- (1) How many Police officers have not had training in how to take a buccal swab DNA sample and what rank are these officers?
- (2) Are all officers who graduate from the Police Academy trained to take a buccal mouth swab and if not, why not?
- (3) How many current serving officers are not currently accredited to take a buccal mouth swab?

Mrs L.M. Harvey replied:

- (1) 63 serving police officers have no record of having undertaken Identifying Particulars training. Their ranks are unknown.
- (2) Yes, Identifying Particulars Training has been mandatory since 2002, when it was introduced as a requirement of Police Academy training.
- (3) 63 serving police officers have no record of having attained accreditation in the taking of Identifying Particulars.