

POLICE

Written Questions on Notice provided by Richard Riordan MP

BP3 PG 266

1. **Chief Commissioner, the Victoria Police Employees by Location data states that as of March 2019 there are 14,968 Police Officers in Victoria. How many of these officers would be available to respond to a 000 call today?**

There are now 15,295 full time equivalent police officers employed across Victoria, according to the latest police employment figures released in July.

This represents a 16 percent increase in police over the past four-and-a-half years, with regional Victoria and metropolitan Melbourne all seeing a boost to police resources.

On a day to day basis the number of officers available to responds to 000 would change depending on a large number of variables including:

- time of day
- leave arrangements including recreational/unplanned personal/work-cover/long service
- provision to recall members to duty, if there is a significant incident and numbers of members on duty do not reflect the ability to respond (eg. Members recalled on Black Saturday etc)
- incidents or events that impact on resourcing on any given day including planned and unplanned incidents.

2. **Commissioner, the 2019-20 Budget states that Victoria Police responded to 972,983 Community calls for assistance in 2016-17. How many community calls for assistance did Victoria Police receive in 2016-17?**

Victoria Police do not directly receive community calls for assistance (000). The calls are prioritised and incidents are referred to Police via the service provider ESTA (Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority). In 2016-17, Victoria Police responded to 972,983 incidents referred from community calls for assistance.

3. **Commissioner, what is the average response time for Victoria Police to respond to community calls for assistance each year from 2014-15 to 2018-19?**

Victoria Police do not directly receive community calls for assistance (000). The calls are prioritised and incidents are referred to Police via the service provider ESTA (Emergency Service Telecommunications Authority). Once received, incident information is assessed by Victoria Police and the response to these incidents, including number of units deployed, is dependent on a number of factors including:

- urgency and nature of incident
- availability of the units ready to receive jobs
- accessibility and the distance.

4. **Minister, what is the dollar figure of the community safety statement expenditure that will be spent on new Police, PSO, PCO and VPS staff wages?**

Victoria Police received \$2 billion over 4 years as part of the Community Safety Statement Package in the 2017-18 State Budget. This includes funding for an additional 2,729 sworn officers, 107 Protective Services Officers (PSOs) and 206 VPS Staff. The total cost of staff included in the package is \$916.6 million.

Police Custody Officers were a 2014-15 election commitment and were funded in the 2015-16 State Budget.

5. **Chief Commissioner, the 2019-20 Justice and Community Safety questionnaire highlights a \$3.8 million cut to Police services to be made by reducing “the funding available to deliver non-front line services”, Commissioner, in what areas will funding be cut by Victoria Police?**

Please refer to responses to questions on notice taken verbally, submitted to the committee on the 8th of July.

BP3 PG 81

6. **Commissioner, what has been the cost of operating Taskforce Landow, including wages, legal fees, rent and all other costs to date?**

Please refer to responses to questions on notice taken verbally, submitted to the committee on the 8th of July.

Written Questions on Notice provided by Sam Hibbins MP

7. **QUESTION: How are decisions on new and upgraded Police stations assessed? Is any planning being done for a new Prahran Police Station?**

Please refer to responses to questions on notice taken verbally, submitted to the committee on the 8th of July.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Written Questions on Notice provided by Richard Riordan MP

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1. Can you please provide the committee with a breakdown for the following CFA districts, the age profile of ALL fire response vehicles, not just tankers –
 - a. District 14 – 11.2 years
 - b. District 02 – 12.8 years
 - c. District 20 – 14.0 years
 - d. District 18 – 15.0 years
 - e. District 15 – 12.6 years
 - f. District 16 – 13.2 years
 - g. District 17 – 15.6 years
 - h. District 07 – 11.0 years
 - i. District 06 – 14.1 years
 - j. District 05 – 15.5 years
 - k. District 04 – 15.7 years
 - l. District 08 – 12.1 years
 - m. District 09 – 14.8 years
 - n. District 10 – 13.1 years
 - o. District 27 – 11.2 years
 - p. District 11 – 13.6 years
 - q. District 13 – 11.3 years
 - r. District 12 – 13.4 years
 - s. District 22 – 15.4 years
 - t. District 23 – 13.3 years
 - u. District 24 – 13.5 years

2. There has been reports of fire response vehicles in some districts having an age profile of 25 years plus. What is the government's recommended and acceptable 'age profile' of a fire response vehicle?

There is no recommended age profile for fire response vehicles. All vehicles are regularly inspected and maintained by technicians to ensure they are fit for purpose, fire worthy and safe for use by firefighters during high risk operational activity.