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Mr J Stewart

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Dear Mr Stewart

Thank you for your email request of 17 October 2019 asking me to confirm:

that the 1800 new Police Officers is in fact only counting Constables (sworn members) and that no Authorised Officers will count towards the total 1800.

Your request was made under the Official Information Act 1982.

I can confirm that the Government's target of 1,800 new police, as set out in the Coalition Agreement, relates to constabulary recruits graduating from the Royal New Zealand Police College. This number does not include Authorised Officers.

The Government has also funded the largest ever growth in New Zealand Police numbers, which is an additional target of growing the Police workforce by 1,800 constabulary and 485 support staff. The 1,800 growth in constabulary numbers includes 250 Authorised Officers with specialist skills in areas such as financial and high technology crime. Since the Authorised Officer designation was created in 2008, Governments have counted Authorised Officers within constabulary numbers in the same way that Police is doing with this growth target.

Thank you for your enquiry.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Stuart Nash'.

Hon Stuart Nash
Minister of Police