| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0866  Responded to: 14 March 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**Scots police quitting the country to work in Australia.**

**I was looking for figures if you have them of how many Police Scotland officers have done this. In the Western Australia push of 2022 and more recently in Queensland.**

**The last news item I can see was in 2024 when it said 100 officers had applied for a job in Australia.**

**Can you let me know how many actually left to work over there?**

The information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

By way of explanation, this level of detail is not gathered in the leaving form.

We also reviewed the exit survey, again this level of detail isn’t gathered. There is room for free text comments. We checked for search term ‘Australia’ but found no results.

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.