

Justice Sub-Committee on Policing

Armed police

Letter from Police Scotland to the Convener

In his Statement to Parliament on 5 August, the Cabinet Secretary for Justice confirmed that Police Scotland would provide quarterly reports to the Justice Sub-Committee on Policing, and to the Scottish Police Authority, on the number of officers currently deployed on firearms duties.

This is the first such report and I can confirm that there are currently 274 officers deployed on firearms duties attached to Armed Response Vehicles. This number continues to be less than 2% of the total Force strength.

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