RETURN showing the PROPORTION of POLICE to POPULATION and COST of POLICE per INHABITANT in each of the under-mentioned Places.

Place.		Proportion of Police to Population.	Cost of Police per Inhabitant.		Remarks.
New Zealand	•••	1 to 1,530	s. 2	d. 7 1	Number of police, 484; net expenditure (<i>vide</i> Appropriation Account for year ended 31st March, 1896), £97,555 2s. 4d. Population, 740,699 (including Maoris).
Victoria	•••	1 to 842	4	2]	Vide appropriation for 1895-96-viz.: Number of police, 1,414; vote, £247,590. Population, 1,181,769.
New South Wales	••	1 to 694	5	1	Vide estimates for 1896—viz.: Number of police, 1,841 (ex- clusive of 60 Native trackers); vote, £325,013. Population, 1.277.870.
South Australia	••	1 to 973	4	$4\frac{1}{2}$	Vide estimates for year ending 30th June, 1896-viz. : Number of police, 367; vote, £78,520. Population, 357,405.
Queensland	•••	1 to 565	6	11	Number of police, 815 (exclusive of 10 supernumeraries and 100 Native trackers); vote, £159,710 (<i>vide</i> estimates for 1895–96). Population, 460,550.

NOTE.-Populations are taken from official estimates as on 31st December, 1895.

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