

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 1,435	s. d. 2 8	Number of police, 536; net expenditure ( <i>vide</i> Appropriation Account for year ended 31st March, 1898), £102,858 10s. 7d. Population, 768,910 (including Maoris).
Victoria ..	1 to 833	4 4	<i>Vide</i> Appropriation of Revenue, 1897-98—viz.: Number of police, 1,412; vote, £254,963. Population, 1,176,238.
New South Wales ..	1 to 702	5 0½	<i>Vide</i> Estimates of Expenditure, 1897-98—viz.: Number of police, 1,886 (exclusive of 70 Native trackers); vote, £333,209. Population, 1,323,460.
South Australia ..	1 to 1,100	4 1½	<i>Vide</i> Estimates of Expenditure for Year ending 30th June, 1898—viz.: Number of police, 330; vote, £75,037. Population, 363,044.
Queensland ..	1 to 578	6 11½	<i>Vide</i> Estimates for 1897-98—viz.: Number of police, 839 (exclusive of 10 supernumeraries and 110 Native trackers); vote, £168,713. Population, 484,700.
Western Australia ..	1 to 335	13 5½	<i>Vide</i> Estimates for year ending 30th June, 1898—viz.: Number of police, 483; vote, £108,792 7s. 6d. Population, 161,924.

NOTE.—Populations are taken from official estimates as on 31st December, 1896.

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