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From: Ms Justine Davis

To: Hon Lia Finocchiaro

Portfolio: Minister for Police

Agency: Northern Territory Police Force

Subject: Peacekeepers in Arnhem Land

QUESTION:

Could you advise who the peacekeepers that the Commissioner has stated police officers in Arnhem Land are working with in last year's estimates? Who are they employed by? Do the peacekeepers continue to be employed in the region and how do the police work with them?

ANSWER:

The peacekeepers referred to by the Commissioner are respected Aboriginal elders and community leaders who work through local Law and Justice Groups and community-led justice initiatives.

Law and Justice Groups (LJG) are established under the Northern Territory (NT) Aboriginal Justice Agreement and provide a mechanism for Aboriginal leadership to address local law and justice issues, improve community safety, reduce offending, and support culturally appropriate responses to crime and conflict. They also play a role in Community Courts by providing cultural advice and information to assist judicial decision making.

More broadly, NT Police across all remote communities work closely with LJGs, elders and community leaders. Where these groups are active, visible and focused on early intervention, dispute resolution and community safety, strong and productive partnerships are readily established and maintained.