LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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WRITTEN QUESTION

J Davis to the Chief Minister, Hon Lia Finocchiaro MLA:

Crime and Justice Legislative Evaluation

1. What performance measures has the Government established to evaluate whether its legislative changes in crime and justice have achieved their stated objectives?

    a. For each measure, what is the baseline figure, the date the baseline was taken, and the target?

    b. In which document are those measures recorded, and will it be provided to the Assembly?

    c. If no such measures have been established, has the establishment of evaluation measures been considered, and on what date?

2. Over what timeframe will that evaluation occur, and on what date is the first evaluation report due?

    a. Which agency has carriage of the evaluation?

    b. Has any external body been engaged to conduct or review it, and at what cost?

    c. Will the evaluation be published?

3. What modelling was undertaken before the introduction of those legislative changes of their expected effect on the number of persons held in custody? The equivalent question in relation to amendments to the Youth Justice Act 2005 is put separately to the Minister for Corrections.

    a. On what date was that modelling completed, and by which agency?

    b. What custodial population did it project for 2025–26 and 2026–27, and how does that compare with the actual population?

    c. Will the modelling be provided to the Assembly?

    d. If no such modelling was undertaken, on what basis were the custodial capacity requirements arising from those changes planned?

ANSWERS:

1. The Northern Territory Government's Reducing Crime Strategy sets out a coordinated approach to reducing crime and improving community safety, including measures of success.

   The Strategy is publicly available here: https://nt.gov.au/about-government/government-priorities

   Crime Statistics are also released publicly on the third Friday of each month. That information is available here: https://pfes.nt.gov.au/police/community-safety/nt-crime-statistics

2. See the response to Q1.

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