

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**WRITTEN QUESTION**

Mrs Finocchiaro to the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services:

**Community Safety and Crime Prevention**

1. How many members are currently listed/assigned on the books as being stationed at the Casuarina, Nightcliff and Palmerston police stations?
2. Will the temporary beat location role be extended beyond Alice Springs, Tennant Creek or Katherine to other locations in the Territory?
3. What is the status of police housing in Milikapiti?
4. How many head leased police houses have been acquired and how many removed from police acquisition since 1 September 2017?
5. In financial year 2017/18 how many of the police officers entitled to a housing entitlement currently access the housing allowance? How many access departmental housing instead?
6. How many Community Engagement Police Officers are currently working in the force as at 31 March 2018, in comparison to 31 March 2017?
7. How many schools, community events and presentations did the Youth Engagement Officers attend in the financial year 2017/18 and how does that compare to 2016/17?
8. What is the funding amount allocated to the popular and valuable Junior Police Ranger program for financial year 2018/19? How does that compare to the previous financial year, 2017/18?
9. If there has been a change in the funding model for Junior Police Ranger program, how will that affect the program?
10. What is the funding arrangement for Police and Citizens Youth Club (PCYC) and Wongabilla Equestrian Centre for financial year 2018/19 and how does that compare to 2017/18?

## ANSWERS:

1. Palmerston Police Station: 91 members  
Casuarina Police Station: 111 members  
Nightcliff Police Station: 63 members
2. With the establishment of the Alcohol Policing Unit (APU), operations targeting liquor related offending will be conducted throughout the Northern Territory (NT) on an intelligence-led basis.
3. Northern Territory Police Fire and Emergency Services (NTPFES) currently have access to two properties in Milikapati provided by the Department of Housing and Community Development. Both properties are two bedroom dwellings.

Subject to the completion of ongoing work on the remote police service model, additional Police resources may be required in the region.

4. Since 1 September 2017, 53 properties have been acquired into the police housing portfolio and 38 properties have been removed from the police housing portfolio across the NT.
5. The figures in the below table are congruent with the NTPFES Annual Report data at Pay 26 – 2017 / 2018.

NT Police Force (NTPF) Headcount – Less sworn members with no housing entitlement	1,395
Members in receipt of housing allowance	<b>587</b>
Members who access departmental accommodation	<b>808</b>

6. 31 March 2017 – 29.  
30 March 2018 – 31.
7. Financial year 2016 / 2017 – 324.  
Financial year 2017 / 2018 – 957.

The number of schools, community events and presentations that the NTPF Youth Engagement Officers have attended have increased significantly from financial year 2016 / 2017 to financial year 2017 / 2018.

### Southern Command

The ongoing focus of the Youth and Community Engagement Officers (YCEPO) for the last financial year has been targeting vulnerable youth in the community and referring these youths to appropriate support services. Patrolling youth hotspots and areas which are ongoing concerns in terms of rock throwing, anti-social

behaviour and engaging with stakeholders in the CBD. They also attend the youth discos on a weekly basis to assist with these and the management of youths arriving and departing these premises. These attendances are not necessarily recorded as community events on police indices.

#### Northern Command

There are currently no Youth and Community Engagement Officers working in the Northern Command.

#### Central Command – Katherine

Youth and Community Engagement Police Officers (YCEPO) positions support seven Katherine based schools. The 2017 / 2018 financial year saw approximately 100 recorded events for school and community engagement. The program saw a steady shift from school based engagements to community based engagements and focused operations aimed at engaging those not attending schools, as a result, the recorded events are a decline from the 2016 / 2017 financial year which was approx. 120 events.

#### Central Command – Tennant Creek

Tennant Creek currently has no gazetted YCEPO's and hasn't for the past 19 months.

Tennant Creek frontline members recorded a total of 23 Community and school based events attended in 2017 / 2018 versus a total of 24 in 2016 / 2017.

Of the 23 Community events recorded in 2017 / 2018, 2 were school based events delivering targeted messages and activities to students at the Tennant Creek Primary School. The other 21 were community based events consisting of; taking part in marches, attendance at the Tennant Creek Show, participating in youth activities and school holiday related events amongst other activities.

8.	2017-18	operational	funding	allocation	\$65,000.00
	2018-19	operational	funding	allocation	\$65,000.00

The above does not include personnel costs which have also remained consistent year to year.

9. Not applicable – no change to funding level.
10. Police Citizens Youth Club / Wongabilla has two constable and one physical resource as support roles for both functions. The actual cost in 2017 / 2018 of employment and operational expenses was \$271K and in 2018 / 2019 is budgeted at \$320K for the same level of support.