

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

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

Darwin Watch House and Staffing Arrangements

1. What is the average amount of time spent by Police travelling from a point of arrest in Darwin to transport a person to the Palmerston Watch House before that unit or van can return to service?
2. Will the Darwin Watch House be returned to operation on a 24 hours-per-day, 7 days-per-week status?
3. If not, what is the projected date for reopening the Darwin Watch House?
4. What factors have precluded opening / re-opening the Darwin Watch House?
5. What factors other than available Police staffing have caused the Darwin Watch House to continue to remain closed?
6. What criteria need to be met to return the Darwin Watch House to 24/7 operation?
7. On 7 February 2021, it was announced that all remote COVID-19 border control points would be closed. How many NT Police have been returned to regular duty as a result of the shut-down of remote border control points?
8. How many NT Police remain attached to airport checkpoints and other duties associated with COVID-19 operations?