

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Burgoyne to the Minister for Police:

Domestic Violence Offences

For all questions below, please provide a breakdown across all regions – Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek, Alice Springs and Gove:

1. *How many domestic violence related call outs did Police respond to for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 and between 18 July and 24 July 2023?*

- NT Police responded to 24368 Domestic Violence related occurrences for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023;
- NT Police responded to 493 Domestic Violence related occurrences between the period 18 to 24 July 2023;
- Over those same periods:
 - Darwin responded to:
 - 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 – 7114
 - 18 to 24 July 2023 – 154
 - Palmerston responded to:
 - 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 – 3531
 - 18 to 24 July 2023 – 71
 - Katherine responded to:
 - 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 – 3761
 - 18 to 24 July 2023 – 80
 - Tennant Creek responded to:
 - 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 – 2426
 - 18 to 24 July 2023 – 61
 - Alice Springs responded to:
 - 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 – 7143
 - 18 to 24 July 2023 – 118
 - Nhulunbuy responded to:
 - 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 – 393
 - 18 to 24 July 2023 – 9

Note – Palmerston data is captured independently of Darwin

2. Of the domestic violence related call outs that Police responded to for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 and between 18 July and 24 July 2023, how many resulted in charges?

- Across those regions captured in Question 1:
 - 3557 incidents resulted in charges for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 (or 14.6%); and
 - 75 incidents resulted in charges for the period 18 to 24 July 2023 (or 15.2%);

3. How many individuals were arrested for domestic violence related offences for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 and between 18 July and 24 July 2023?

- In the service areas of Darwin (Palmerston), Katherine, Tennant Creek, Alice Springs and Nhulunbuy for the period of 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 the following occurred:
 - Darwin – 561 individuals were arrested on 725 occasions;
 - Palmerston – 282 individuals were arrested on 327 occasions;
 - Katherine – 471 individuals were arrested on 622 occasions;
 - Tennant Creek – 284 individuals were arrested on 374 occasions;
 - Alice Springs – 788 individuals were arrested on 1004 occasions; and
 - Nhulunbuy – 35 individuals were arrested on 41 occasions.
- In the service areas of Darwin (Palmerston), Katherine, Tennant Creek, Alice Springs and Nhulunbuy for the period 18 to 24 July 2023 the following occurred:
 - Darwin – 20 individuals were arrested on 20 occasions;
 - Palmerston – 1 individual was arrested on 1 occasion;
 - Katherine – 20 individuals were arrested on 20 occasions;
 - Tennant Creek – 11 individuals were arrested on 11 occasion;
 - Alice Springs – 17 individuals were arrested on 17 occasions; and
 - Nhulunbuy – no recorded arrests in reporting period.

Note – Figures between Questions 2 and 3 may not correlate as an individual does not need to be arrested for charges to be laid as this can occur via summons or notice to appear, etc. A person can also be charged with multiple offences.

4. How many of the individuals charged with domestic violence related offences for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 and between 18 July and 24 July 2023 were remanded in custody and how many were bailed by police?

- In the service areas of Darwin (Palmerston), Katherine, Tennant Creek, Alice Springs and Nhulunbuy for the period of 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 the following occurred:
 - Darwin – 205 people were remanded in custody with 512 people granted bail;
 - Palmerston – 86 people were remanded in custody with 232 people granted bail;
 - Katherine – 176 people were remanded in custody with 433 people granted bail;
 - Tennant Creek – 142 people were remanded in custody with 219 people granted bail;
 - Alice Springs – 264 people were remanded in custody with 740 people granted bail; and
 - Nhulunbuy – 23 people were remanded in custody with 16 people granted bail.

- In the service areas of Darwin (Palmerston), Katherine, Tennant Creek, Alice Springs and Nhulunbuy for the period of 18 July 2022 to 24 July 2023 the following occurred:
 - Darwin – 7 people were remanded in custody with 13 people granted bail;
 - Palmerston – no people were remanded in custody with 1 person granted bail;
 - Katherine – 6 people were remanded in custody with 14 people granted bail;
 - Tennant Creek – 7 people were remanded in custody with 14 people granted bail; and
 - Alice Springs – 3 people were remanded in custody with 14 people granted bail; and
 - Nhulunbuy – no people were remanded in custody or granted bail.

Note – Figures include persons charged by summons, notice to appear, etc. (not just arrest) so figures will not necessarily correlate with Question 3 arrest figures.