

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

## WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Guyula to the Minister for Police:

## Hit and run statistics

1. Could you provide the number of hit and runs recorded on NT roads for the financial years 2021-22, 2022-23 and the 2023-24 reporting period, and where these incidents happened?

| Number of Occurrences involving hit and run driving |                                   |          |           |           |  |          |           |           |             |
|---|-----------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|--|----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Location  | Hit and run driving causing death |          |           | Total     | Hit and run driving causing serious harm |          |           | Total     | Grand Total |
|   | 2021-22                           | 2022-23  | 2023-24   |           | 2021-22                                  | 2022-23  | 2023-24   |           |             |
| Darwin  | 4                                 | 1        | 3         | 8         | 1  |          | 2         | 3         | 11          |
| Palmerston  | 1                                 |          | 1         | 2         |  |          | 3         | 3         | 5           |
| Alice Springs                                       | 2                                 |          | 4         | 6         |  | 1        | 3         | 5         | 10          |
| Tennant Creek                                       | 1                                 |          |           | 1         |  |          | 1         | 1         | 2           |
| Nhulunbuy   |                                   |          | 1         | 1         |  |          |           |           | 1           |
| <b>NT Balance</b>                                   |                                   |          |           |           |  |          |           |           |             |
| Daly  |                                   | 1        |           | 1         | 1  |          |           | 1         | 2           |
| Eley  |                                   |          | 1         | 1         |  |          |           |           | 1           |
| Gulf  |                                   | 1        |           | 1         |  |          | 1         | 1         | 2           |
| Howard Springs                                      |                                   |          | 1         | 1         |  |          |           |           | 1           |
| Humpty Doo  |                                   | 1        |           | 1         |  |          |           |           | 1           |
| Tanami  |                                   |          |           |           | 1  |          |           | 1         | 1           |
| Tiwi Islands  |                                   |          |           |           | 1  | 1        |           | 2         | 2           |
| Victoria River                                      | 2                                 |          |           | 2         |  |          |           |           | 2           |
| Virginia  | 1                                 |          |           | 1         |  |          |           |           | 1           |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                                  | <b>11</b>                         | <b>4</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>26</b> | <b>4</b>                                 | <b>2</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>42</b>   |

a. of these hits and runs, how many were prosecuted?

Prosecutions have commenced for 32 of the 42 occurrences. In 31 occurrences a prosecution commenced for a hit and run driving charge. In one of the occurrences, a prosecution commenced but for a driving causing harm/death charge, rather than a hit and run charge.

**b. of the cases that proceeded to prosecution, how many convictions were recorded?**

To date, nine of the 32 occurrences have resulted in a conviction. 18 have cases still in progress, two resulted in a finding of guilt but no conviction, and three resulted in no finding of guilt.

**2. What funding is allocated in the 2024-25 Budget to address the issue of hit and runs?**

The NT Police has dedicated traffic branches, major crash investigative units, associated training and infringement units and the total cost incurred in 2023-24 in delivering services, including hit and run response and investigation, was \$11.447M.

In 2024-25 this will be escalated by wage growth for police officers and the associated logistic costs.