



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 137

WRITTEN QUESTION

J Davis to the Minister for Police, Hon Lia Finocchiaro MLA:

Private contractors and public transit officers

- 1. How much does Government spend on the NT Police managed private security contracts per year?**

In the 2024-25 financial year (FY) a total of \$5,355,054 was paid by the Northern Territory Police Force (NTPF) to private security service providers across the Territory.

In the 2023-24 FY, a total of \$4,863,910 was paid by the NTPF to private security service providers across the Territory.

- 2. Do police monitor CCTV and deploy security officers to certain areas if needed?**

The NTPF monitors CCTV via the Joint Emergency Services Coordination Centre (JESCC) and any deployments of personnel required as part of live monitoring are managed through the operational policing space.

Private security services are not deployed through the JESCC and are managed through the Territory Community Safety Coordination Centre Portfolio (TCSCC) portfolio. Service delivery is guided by TCSCC tasking and coordination processes which focus on hot spot locations and areas with emerging concerns.

- 3. What authority do security guards have in public places to move people on? What legislation outlines their authority?**

Private security officers are licensed via the Department of Trade, Business and Asian Relations (DTBAR) and are afforded powers and responsibilities under the *Private Security Act 1995* and related regulations, with all officers required to comply with a Code of Practice.

The capacity to “move people on” is only enlivened in respect of the officer guarding another person’s property. In the case of public places private security officers have the power to move people on by consent.

- 4. Since Police took over the funding for security how much has been spent?**

Refer Question 1.

5. What outcomes have been achieved, what are the performance measures?

The NTPF have had carriage of private security services contract management since 1 July 2023. Upon taking on these services NTPF have defined the following intended outcomes:

- Improved feelings of safety by members of the public.
- Reduced occurrences of antisocial behavior and related offending in public places.
- Reduced complaints by members of the public and businesses to NTPF or Northern Territory Government of anti-social behaviors and related offending.
- Increased reports of positive change in public places, including increased feelings of safety in the business community and by those using public places.