

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

### WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Lambley to the Minister for Health:

#### **Banned Drinkers Register**

1. How many people with an Alice Springs address are on the Banned Drinker Register, as of 1 March 2018?
2. How many people with a Darwin address are on the Banned Drinker Register, as of 1 February 2018 and 1 March 2018?
3. How many people with a Tennant Creek address are on the Banned Drinker Register, as of 1 February 2018 and 1 March 2018?
4. How many people with a Katherine address are on the Banned Drinker Register, as of 1 February 2018 and 1 March 2018?

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### RESPONSE

Address information for individuals, including banned drinkers, is recorded in the Integrated Justice Information System (IJIS) at different times by different business processes, for different purposes. Address fields are recorded as free text and not linked to standardised geographical localities. The format is not designed for standardised reporting or analysis.

Some individuals on the Banned Drinker Register have multiple addresses in various NT cities, towns and communities. This does not impact on the screening functionality of the Banned Drinker Register, as the check is only against the first name, last name and date of birth, not the address.

Therefore, the quality of reporting by addresses is poor and cannot be relied upon to indicate the person's usual residence or temporary location.

Alternative methods have been provided to respond to this written question by demonstrating the number of people on the BDR by NT regions, using the pathway of entry onto the BDR. Most of the BDR pathways can be reliably and usefully interpreted by region and are reported below. Data quality notes are explained beneath the tables.

This has been a time-intensive process and improvements will be considered within the BDR evaluation process.

## Number of Persons on the BDR for selected events, by event location

### Persons on the BDR for alcohol-related offences, by offence location

	As at 28/2/2018	As at 31/3/2018
Darwin	205	211
Palmerston	65	69
Alice Springs	266	281
Katherine	103	116
Tennant Creek	121	119
Nhulunbuy	15	15
NT Balance	176	161
Unknown	36	29
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>1001</b>

### Persons on the BDR for protective custody episodes, by pick-up location

	As at 28/2/2018	As at 31/3/2018
Darwin	295	312
Palmerston	35	42
Alice Springs	237	200
Katherine	66	73
Tennant Creek	24	22
Nhulunbuy	0	0
NT Balance	3	2
Unknown	1	4
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>655</b>

### Persons on the BDR for alcohol-related infringements, by offence location

	As at 28/2/2018	As at 31/3/2018
Darwin	33	43
Palmerston	47	47
Alice Springs	5	4
Katherine	12	12
Tennant Creek	3	2
Nhulunbuy	0	0
NT Balance	4	7
Unknown	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>115</b>

### Persons on the BDR for court orders, by court venue location

	As at 28/2/2018	As at 31/3/2018
Darwin	265	316
Palmerston	0	0
Alice Springs	270	278
Katherine	141	126
Tennant Creek	34	47
Nhulunbuy	13	13
NT Balance	89	87
Unknown	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>867</b>

### Persons on the BDR for BDR Registrar bans, by address location

	As at 28/2/2018	As at 31/3/2018
Darwin	24	24
Palmerston	6	8
Alice Springs	33	40
Katherine	6	7
Tennant Creek	13	22
Nhulunbuy	1	1
NT Balance	29	31
Unknown	1	1
Interstate	3	3
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>137</b>

### Explanatory Notes:

- Persons on the BDR by event region should not be summed across different event types.
- Certain events are more restricted in location than others (e.g. protective custody bans and court bans will cluster in the main centres, while apprehension bans will have more in the NT Balance).
- Event location, other than for the BDR Registrar bans, should not be considered as indicative of where a person resides or comes from. A person temporarily resident in one area may commit an offence in a second area and then appear in court in one of the main centres, and none of these locations may coincide with where the person has been living or will live in the future.
- Total numbers may vary slightly from previously reported numbers as data is extracted and cleansed for each report. This reflects changes and cancellations to an individual's bans.