

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

### WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs. Finocchiaro to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice:

#### Fines Recovery Unit

1. Are any changes to the *Fines and Penalties (Recovery) Act* currently being considered?
2. What is the total amount of outstanding fines and how does that compare with this time last year?
3. How many persons are currently on the name and shame list and how does that compare with this time last year? What is the total amount of money in fines represented by those persons on the name and shame list?

#### Answers

1. The Fines Recovery Unit is not considering any changes to the *Fines and Penalties (Recovery) Act*.
2. The total of outstanding fines and infringements:
  - As at 30 June 2018 - \$84.2 million.
  - As at 30 June 2017 - \$77.7 million.

The level of unpaid debt will always increase year on year due to a number of factors such as:

- Increase in penalty units.
  - There will always be a cohort of debt that is never recovered as the fine defaulter cannot be located, they have no assets to seize or they are deceased. Eventually that debt is written off by the Fines Recovery Unit (FRU).
- 3.

As at date	Number of entities (natural persons and bodies corporate)	Outstanding amount
30 June 2018	364	\$5.2 million
30 June 2017	345	\$4.7 million