

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Mills to Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services

Protective Custody Costs and Usage

Please provide details with regard to protective custody of:

1. The average cost per person per night in protective custody.
 2. The total cost for operating protective custody in the Northern Territory during the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010.
 3. The number of persons taken into protective custody once during this period.
 4. The number of persons taken into protective custody more than 12 times during this period.
 5. The number of persons taken into protective custody more than 50 times during this period.
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ANSWER

1. The costing implications of protective custody episodes are not recorded in isolation of normal policing operations. Protective custody episodes occur concurrently and cumulatively and often in conjunction with other policing operations.
2. Refer to 1.
3. Protective custody episodes are detailed in the Police annual report. Comprehensive and accurate details on protective custody episodes for individuals are not currently collated. As part of the Government's alcohol reforms systems are being put in place to record individual's protective custody episodes.
4. Refer to 3.
5. Refer to 3.