

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**WRITTEN QUESTION**

Mrs Lambley to the Minister for Health:

**Increase in funding to paramedic services**

On 14 January 2022 Acting Minister for Health announced an increase of \$7 million in funding into paramedic services in Alice Springs and Darwin.

1. Please provide details of the \$7 million of additional funding announced for paramedic services.
2. Where exactly is the funding of \$7 million coming from within the Northern Territory Budget?
3. Is this \$7 million a once off increase to funding or will this be an ongoing increase?
4. Will the entire extra funding go to St John Ambulance?
5. Is it an increase in general funding for St John Ambulance?
6. Is it a special grant? If so please provide details?
7. How many additional new staff will this new funding be expected to employ?
8. How many new positions will be created in Darwin and Alice Springs? Please provide details of numbers and locations of the new positions.
9. Will these new positions be permanent?
10. Where will new ambulance staff be sourced?
11. What has triggered this additional funding to paramedic services in the Northern Territory?
12. How is the government working to protect ambulance officers from violence and abuse on the job?
13. How many incidents of violence against ambulance workers were recorded in the calendar years 2020 and 2021?
14. What services are available to ambulance officers who are victims of violence whilst undertaking their duties?

15. What is the attrition rate for ambulance officers in the Northern Territory?
16. What is the average length of retention for Northern Territory ambulance officers?