

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Lambley to the Treasurer:

**Cost of crime to Northern Territory Businesses**

The most recent Northern Territory Police Crime Statistics for Alice Springs state that, year on year, for the month of December 2021, commercial break-ins had increased by 82.11%.

- 1. How does Treasury measure the cost of crime to businesses and the Northern Territory economy?**

Labor funds numerous crime prevention programs and initiatives. Labor introduced the BizSecure Program, Safer Communities Fund and the largest Police Budget of any previous NT Government.

- 2. What has been the cost of crime to the economy of the Northern Territory for the past 12 months?**

A single dollar is too much.

Fighting crime is resource intensive, but protecting Territorians, their property, and their businesses is our key focus. The annual budget for Police, the BizSecure Program, Safer Communities Fund, Victims of Crime NT and Neighbourhood Watch, can all be found in respective Budget Papers.

- 3. What has been the average cost of crime to Northern Territory businesses for the past 12 months?**

Refer to responses above.

- 4. What has been the cost of crime to the economy of Alice Springs for the past 12 months?**

Refer to responses above.

- 5. What has been the average cost of crime to Alice Springs businesses for the past 12 months?**

Refer to responses above.

- 6. What is the cost of crime to remote Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory in the past 12 months?**

Refer to responses above.

- 7. How much did Northern Territory businesses spend on securing their properties in 2019, 2020 and 2021?**

Refer to responses above.