

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Purick to the Minister for Education:

**Northern Territory (NT) Schools
Since removal of Police Constables
Total number of Police Auxiliaries assigned to NT Schools**

- 1. Since removal of police constables from schools in the NT, how many police auxiliaries have been assigned to schools in total?**

There is a total of 15 School Based Police Officers assigned to 13 secondary schools across the Northern Territory (NT). Of the 15 officers, 10 are Police Auxiliaries appointed to Darwin and Palmerston schools who are supported by a mentoring constable.

There are 5 Police Constables who are appointed to remote NT schools (Alice Springs (2), Katherine, Nhulunbuy and Tennant Creek), where they are expected to act more autonomously within the command structure of the remote police station.

- 2. What schools have had police auxiliaries assigned to them and how many auxiliaries per school?**

6 Darwin and Palmerston schools are assigned one police auxiliary. Additional auxiliaries have been placed alongside officers at Taminmin College and Palmerston College to provide additional support for the school and relief across the program.

Table 1 – Darwin and Palmerston schools with assigned Police Auxiliaries

Darwin and Palmerston schools	No. of Auxiliaries
Casuarina Senior College	1
Darwin High School	1
Darwin Middle School	1
Dripstone Middle School	1
Nightcliff Middle School	1
Palmerston College	2
Sanderson Middle School	1
Taminmin College	2
Total	10

3. How many reported incidents to the NT Police Force (NTPF) have been received for each school with a police auxiliary for the following years:-

2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 to date?

Please refer to Table 2 for reported incidents to NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services during the requested time period noting that this includes all incidents that have been reported at schools, including before and after school hours.

It is also important to note the following when reviewing this data:

- In 2020, Constables were still assigned to schools prior to the new School Based Police Program model.
- In 2021, Police Auxiliaries did not commence at assigned schools until October/November 2021. Prior to that period, Constables were nominally servicing schools; however, due to COVID-19 pandemic were reassigned to other related duties.
- Reported incidents' includes calls made to 000 and 131444, reports made via the online reporting tool on the NTPFES website, and information reported directly to police station front counters.

Table 2 – *Reported incidents at Darwin and Palmerston schools with Police Auxiliaries

School	2020	2021	2022	1 Jan to 22 May 2023	Total
Casuarina Senior College	23	13	10	1	47
Darwin High School	12	11	7	4	34
Darwin Middle School	5	6	7	1	19
Dripstone Middle School	9	6	8	0	23
Nightcliff Middle School	5	10	6	5	26
Palmerston College 10-12 Campus	5	5	4	2	16
Palmerston College 7-9 Campus	16	29	15	2	62
Sanderson Middle School	13	12	22	6	53
Taminmin High School	15	19	16	8	58
TOTAL	103	111	95	29	338

*Data provided by NT Police database.

- 4. How many of the reported incidents to the NTPF required Police attendance to the school for each school for each year?**

NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services have advised that they do not have this level of data easily available.