

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs. Finocchiaro to the Chief Minister:

**NTG Funded Private Security**

- 1. How many private security officers that are funded by the NTG are currently being employed in the Casuarina area?**

The Northern Territory Police Force (NTPF) does not employ security for the Casuarina area and does not have contracts or grants referencing security at Casuarina.

- 2. What security firms are supplying these officers?**

Please refer to answer provided for question 1.

- 3. Was each a select tender or an open tender?**

Please refer to answer provided for question 1.

- 4. Have there been any variations to the tenders? If so, how many and what is the cost of these variations?**

Please refer to answer provided for question 1.

- 5. When did these Casuarina patrols begin operating?**

Please refer to answer provided for question 1.

- 6. What hours and days do these private security officers operate?**

Please refer to answer provided for question 1.

- 7. Are there any dog patrols employed? If so, how many?**

Please refer to answer provided for question 1.

- 8. How much has the NTG spent on private security in Casuarina in total in the last financial year (2022/23)? Please provide a month-by-month breakdown.**

Please refer to answer provided for question 1.

- 9. How much of these costs was paid in overtime for private security officers in Casuarina in total in the last financial year (2022/23). Please provide a month-by-month breakdown.**

Please refer to answer provided for question 1.

- 10. Were any incidents referred to police by the security officers in the last financial year? If so, how many and can you provide a breakdown by offence committed?**

These statistics are unavailable, as any incidents reported to police may not specify the origin.

- 11. How many private security officers that are funded by the NTG are currently being employed in the Darwin CBD?**

Darwin CBD is subject to a private security contract, and numbers are determined by the contractor.

- 12. What security firms are supplying these officers?**

Territory Protective Services.

- 13. Was each a select tender or an open tender?**

The NTPF did not have oversight of this process.

- 14. Have there been any variations to the tenders? If so, how many and what is the cost of these variations?**

Please refer to answer provided for question 13.

- 15. When did these Darwin CBD patrols begin operating?**

2019

- 16. What hours and days do these private security officers operate?**

10:00am to 4:00pm, seven days a week.

**17. Are there any dog patrols employed? If so, how many?**

Nil.

**18. How much has the NTG spent on private security in the Darwin CBD in total in the last financial year (2022/23)? Please provide a month-by-month breakdown.**

All contracts/grants were transferred to the NTPF as the responsible agency effective from 1 July 2023. The figures requested are not held by the NTPF.

**19. How much of these costs was paid in overtime for private security officers in the Darwin CBD in total in the last financial year (2022/23). Please provide a month-by-month breakdown.**

Nil.

**20. Were any incidents referred to police by the security officers in the Darwin CBD in the last financial year? If so, how many and can you provide a breakdown by offence committed?**

Please refer to answer provided for question 10.

**21. Are there private security officers that are funded by the NTG operating in any other suburbs – NT wide?**

The NTPF provides grant payments that relate to private security for Karama/Malak, Palmerston, Bundilla, Maningrida, and contract services that relate to Parap, Darwin City and Alice Springs.

**22. If so, which suburbs are they in?**

Please refer to answer provided for question 21.

**23. What security firms are supplying these officers? Please provide a breakdown by suburb – NT wide.**

Security firms are selected by the grant recipient. Services are provided by Neptune NT, Visual Security, Pragia, and Talice. Further breakdown is unable to be provided by the NTPF.

**24. Was each from a select tender or an open tender?**

Please refer to answer provided to question 13.

**25. Have there been any variations to the tenders? If so, how many and what is the cost of these variations? Please provide a breakdown by tender – NT wide.**

Please refer to answer provided to question 13.

**26. When did these patrols begin operating in each suburb? Please provide a breakdown by suburb – NT wide.**

All contracts/grants were transferred to the NTPF as the responsible agency effective from 1 July 2023. The figures requested are not held by the NTPF.

**27. What hours and days do these private security officers operate in each suburb? Please provide a breakdown by suburb – NT wide.**

All arrangements enable up to 24-hour security coverage based on service provider.

**28. Are there any dog patrols employed in these suburbs? If so, how many? Please provide a breakdown by suburb – NT wide.**

Only security firms who are qualified to use canine units. These include Visual Security (Maningrida) and Neptune NT (Darwin/Palmerston). Statistics related to numbers of canine patrols are not held by the NTPF.

**29. When did these patrols begin operating in each suburb? Please provide a breakdown by suburb – NT wide.**

Please refer to answer provided to question 26.

**30. How much has the NTG spent on private security in these suburbs in total in the last financial year (2022/23)? Please provide a month-by-month breakdown per suburb – NT wide.**

Please refer to answer provided to question 18.

- 31. How much of these costs was paid in overtime for private security officers in these suburbs in total in the last financial year (2022/23)? Please provide a month-by-month breakdown per suburb – NT wide.**

Nil.

- 32. Were any incidents referred to police by the security officers in the last financial year in these suburbs? If so, how many and can you provide a breakdown by offence committed per suburb – NT wide?**

Please refer to answer provided to question 10.