



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 144

WRITTEN QUESTION

J Davis to the Minister for Police, Hon Lia Finocchiaro MLA:

Policing alcohol – reduction of protective custody

Over the last 15 years the number of people taken into protective custody by police (affected by alcohol to the level where they are engaging in antisocial behaviour) fallen.

1. Why is that the case?

The Northern Territory Police Force are unable to provide an analysis in relation to this question.

2. Are these people taken to a sobering up shelter?

Yes, persons apprehended under section 128 of the *Police Administration Act 1978* can be taken to a sobering up shelter by police, where the capacity of sobering-up shelters allows.

3. Would you support sobering up shelters being open 24 hours so women and children can be kept safe?

The primary purpose of sobering-up shelters is to safeguard the health and wellbeing of intoxicated persons until they have sufficiently recovered from their intoxication.