



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 308

WRITTEN QUESTION

J Davis to the Minister for Logistics and Infrastructure, Hon William Yan MLA:

Road Safety Fatalities, Targets and Speed Limits

1. Budget Paper No. 3 for 2026–27 reports, in the Northern Territory Police Force agency statement, the measure “road deaths per 100,000 registered vehicles” at 33 for 2025–26 against a target of no more than 14, and the measure “motor vehicle crash victims admitted to hospital” at 11 per cent against a target of no more than 8 per cent. The target for each measure is unchanged for 2026–27.
 - a. How many road deaths occurred in the Northern Territory in each of 2023–24, 2024–25 and 2025–26, and what was the rate per 100,000 registered vehicles in each of those years?
 - b. What accounts for the 2025–26 rate being more than twice the target?
 - c. On what basis was the 2026–27 target set at the same level as a target exceeded by that margin, and what is expected to change to achieve it?
 - d. Which agency and which Minister is accountable for that measure and its target?
 - e. Why is the target expressed as a rate above zero rather than as the elimination of road deaths, and has a target of zero been considered?
 - f. What measures are funded in 2026–27 to reduce the rate, and what is the allocation to each?
2. The answer to Written Question No. 135 of the 15th Assembly stated that in the Northern Territory pedestrian fatalities are most commonly linked to factors such as intoxication and rough sleeping. What measures are funded in 2026–27 that specifically address each of those two factors, and what is the allocation to each?

- a. On what evidence is the attribution of pedestrian fatalities to those factors based, and in which dataset or study is it recorded?
 - b. In what proportion of pedestrian fatalities in 2025–26 was intoxication recorded as a contributing factor, and in what proportion was the deceased recorded as sleeping rough?
 - c. If those factors are not recorded against individual fatalities, in which system is contributing-factor information for road fatalities held?
3. What evaluation or research has the Government commissioned or relied upon to establish which road safety programs reduce road deaths in the Northern Territory?
 - a. Please list each evaluation, its author, its date, and whether it has been published.
 - b. For each currently funded program, on what evidence was the decision to fund it based?
 - c. If no evaluation has been undertaken for a funded program, is one planned, and by what date?
4. Clifford and others, Pedestrian deaths and serious injuries in the Northern Territory (Menzies School of Health Research, 2025) records that pedestrian crashes account for “23.1% of road fatalities in the NT compared to 13.7% nationally”.
 - a. What proportion of Northern Territory road deaths were pedestrians in each of the last five financial years, and what was the corresponding national proportion in each of those years?
 - b. What is the Government's specific target to close the difference between those two figures, and by what date is it to be achieved?
 - c. If there is no target directed at that difference, has one been considered, and on what date?
 - d. What was the number of pedestrian fatalities in each of the last five financial years?
 - e. Is there a current pedestrian safety strategy? If so, what is its title and date, and will it be provided to the Assembly?
 - f. Does the Government have plans to address the pedestrian fatality rate through alcohol policy? If so, please detail them; if not, what is the reason?

5. That study found that “The odds of a pedestrian crash resulting in a fatality on NT roads increases by 3.3% for every 1km/h increase in designated road speed”, and maps the locations at which pedestrian crashes concentrate.
 - a. Which locations have been reviewed, on what dates, and at which locations has the speed limit been changed?
 - b. For any identified location where the speed limit has not been reviewed, what is the reason?
 - c. In which system or dataset are pedestrian crash locations recorded, and in what format is that data maintained?