

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Vowles to the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services:

Police

1. How many staff has Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services, as both FTEs and in actual numbers of staff?
2. How many of these are police officers and are employed by the NT as at 1 June 2014, excluding police officers paid for by the funding arrangement with federal government for immigration and border protection?
3. What are their classifications or levels and what was the rate of staff separation of each level?
4. Please provide a breakdown of where police officers are rostered, by task force, police station or other grouping as appropriate.
5. How many Aboriginal Community Police Officer positions exist in the Northern Territory police as at 1 June 2014?
6. How many police were rostered on general duties as at 1 June 2011, 1 June 2012, 1 June 2013 and 1 June 2014?
7. How many police are on leave as at 1 June 2014? Please provide a breakdown by type of leave.
8. Please detail how the \$3.8m was made in savings in the community safety and crime prevention area?
 - a) What activities or operations that were occurring in 2012-13 will no longer occur in 2013-14 as a result of these savings?
 - b) What activities or operations that were occurring in 2012-13 will be modified in 2013-14 as a result of these savings?
 - c) How many officers were assigned to these duties in 2012-13 and how many will be assigned to these duties in 2013-14?
9. Please detail how the \$5.5m was made in savings in the general policing, crime detection and investigation and prosecution areas?
 - a) What activities or operations that were occurring in 2012-13 will no longer occur in 2013-14 as a result of these savings?
 - b) What activities or operations that were occurring in 2012-13 will be modified in 2013-14 as a result of these savings?
 - c) How many officers were assigned to these duties in 2012-13 and how many will be assigned to these duties in 2013-14?

10. What are the average response times for the police to respond to calls received at the JESCC at the Peter Macaulay Centre as at 1 June 2014, and compared to 1 June 2013 and 1 June 2012?
11. How many shifts were Territory Response Group Officers and Water Police Officers required to work in the JESCC in 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14?
12. When is Casuarina Police Beat scheduled for closure?
13. How many incidents were handled by police officers at all Police Beats in 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14?
14. How many Police Beats will operate in 2014-15?
15. How many staff are allocated to each Police Beat in 2014-15?
16. How many Temporary Beats are projected to operate in 2014-15?
17. When will Temporary Beats commence in Darwin and Palmerston?
18. How many incidents were responded to by an officer from a Temporary Beat Location in 2013-14?
19. When police are rostered onto a Temporary Beat, is this over and above the allocation for general duties police that day?
20. What was the average response time to requests for assistance from the community, including:
 - a) call centre operations
 - b) response tasking and incident attendance
 - c) search and rescue operations for the following dates: by-monthly average from 1 September 2012 to 31 May 2014?
21. In relation to the three new police facilities earmarked for some years at Arlparra, Yuendumu and Pirlangimpi:
 - a) \$9.4m was set aside in budget 2013 for Arlparra police station. Is this funding amount still earmarked for the Arlparra project?
 - b) How much funding is budgeted for the Yuendumu police facilities?
 - c) How much funding is budgeted for the Pirlangimpi police facilities?
 - d) How will all three projects be completed when only \$15.6m in total has been earmarked for these three police facility upgrades?

ANSWER

1. Actual: 2,192

FTE (Pay 24): 2090.94

Note. 'Actual' includes all staff – paid, unpaid and inoperative. Pay 24 is 22 May 2014.

2. Actual: 1,381

FTE (Pay 24): 1337.17

Note. Actual DIBP: 82 and FTE (Pay 24) DIBP: 81.55

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| Rank | Actual | FTE | 2013/14 YTD Separation Rate |
|------------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| Constable and Above | 1,264 | 1,230.97 | 6.14% |
| ACPO | 59 | 57.60 | 3.00% |
| Police Auxiliary | 140 | 130.15 | 14.65% |
| Total NT Police | 1,463 | 1,418.72 | 6.73% |

Note. Actual and FTE figures include all police officers regardless of funding arrangements. Year to date: 01/07/2013 to 1/06/2014. Note the separation figures are at 1/6/2014.

4. Refer to the table below.

| SERVICE | COMMAND | DIVISION | SECTION | STATION/UNIT |
|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Office of the Commissioner | | | | |
| Business Improvement and Planning Branch | | Risk Planning Division | | |
| | | Organisational Performance Division | | |
| Crime and Specialist Services | | | | |
| | Crime and Specialist Support Command | | | |
| | | Crime Division | | |
| | | | Major Crime Squad | |
| | | | | Cold Case Task Force |
| | | | Serious Crime Squad | |
| | | | High Tech Crime Squad | |
| | | | | Assets forfeiture Unit |
| | | | | Computer Crime unit |
| | | | | Major Fraud |
| | | Drug and Organised Crime Division | | |
| | | | | Drug and Organised Crime Squad |
| | | | | Drug and Alcohol Policy |

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| | | Sex Crimes Division | | |
| | | | Sex Crimes Squad | |
| | | | | Sex Crimes Unit |
| | | | | Child Abuse Task Force |
| | | | | Repeat Offender Management Unit |
| | | | | Online Child Exploitation Investigation Unit |
| | | Territory Domestic and Family Violence Division | | |
| | | | | Family Violence Unit |
| | | | | Territory Coordination Unit |
| | | Territory Intelligence Specialist Division | | |
| | | | Operation and Field Intelligence | |
| | | | Technical Covert Section | |
| | | | | Special Project Unit |
| | | | | Police Technical Unit |
| | | | | Covert operations |
| | | Governance and Accountability Crime Division | | |
| | Traffic and Operational Support Command | | | |
| | | Traffic Operations Division | | |
| | | | Darwin Traffic Operations | |
| | | | Major Crash Investigation Section | |
| | | | | Major Crash reconstruction Unit |

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| | | | | Darwin Major Crash Investigations |
| | | | | Alice Springs Major Crash Investigations |
| | | Traffic Camera Unit | | |
| | | Police Prosecutions Division | | |
| | | | Darwin Prosecutions | |
| | | | Katherine Prosecutions | |
| | | | Alice Springs Prosecutions | |
| | | Forensic Science Branch | | |
| | | | Forensic Science Section | |
| | | | | Exhibit Reception |
| | | | | Crime Scene Examination Unit |
| | | | | Firearm & Tool Examination unit |
| | | | | forensic Biology unit |
| | | | | Forensic Chemistry |
| | | | | Fingerprints unit |
| | | | | Photography unit |
| | | Public Safety Division | | |
| | | | Crime Prevention Section | |
| | | | | Communication and Youth Engagement |
| | | | | Junior Police Rangers Support Program |
| | | | | PCYC Support Program |
| | | | | Neighbourhood Watch |
| | | | | Criminal Histories and Warrants Section |
| | | | | Firearms Police Recording Unit |

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| Darwin Metropolitan Service | | | Youth Diversion Program | |
| | Darwin Metropolitan Command | | | |
| | | Darwin Metropolitan Division | | |
| | | | Darwin Police Station | |
| | | | | Darwin Front Counter/Beat |
| | | | | Darwin Youth Engagement Officers |
| | | | | City Safe & license Premises |
| | | | Darwin Watchhouse | |
| | | | Wurrumiyanga Police Station | |
| | | | Pirlangimpi Police Station | |
| | | | Milikapiti Police Post | |
| | | Palmerston and Rural Division | | |
| | | | Palmerston Police Station | |
| | | | | Palmerston Front Counter/Beat |
| | | | | Palmerston Youth Engagement Officers |
| | | | | Humpty Doo Police Station |
| | | Governance and Accountability Division | | |
| | | | Governance and Accountability Section | |
| | | Casuarina Division | | |
| | | | Casuarina Police Station | |
| | | | | Casuarina Front Counter /Beat |
| | | | | Casuarina Youth Engagement Officers |

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| | | | | Property Office |
| | | | Metropolitan Operations Group | |
| | | | | Scene of Crime Unit |
| | Special Operations Command | | | |
| | | Special Operations Division | | |
| | | | Metropolitan Patrol Group | |
| | | | Specialist Enforcement Group | |
| | | | Dog Operations Group | |
| | | | Police Mounted Unit | |
| | | | Immigration Liaison Unit | |
| | | Territory Duty Superintendents | | |
| | | | Northern Watch Commanders | |
| | | Communication and Emergency Manning Division | | |
| | | | Territory Communications | |
| | | | | CCTV unit |
| | | | Security Emergency Coms Section | |
| | | Territory Response Division | | |
| | | | Territory Response Group | |
| | | | Water Police Section | |
| | | Business Service Division | | |
| Regional Operations | | | | |
| | Northern Command | | | |
| | | Arafura Division | | |
| | | | Arafura | |
| | | | | Jabiru Police Station |
| | | | | Gunbalunya Police Station |

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| | | | | Pine Creek Police Station |
| | | | | Ramingining Police Station |
| | | | | Maningrida Police Station |
| | | | | Adelaide River Police Station |
| | | | | Batchelor Police Station |
| | | | Nhulunbuy Police Station | |
| | | | | Galiwinku Police Station |
| | | Katherine Division | | Gapuwiyak Police Station |
| | | | Katherine Police Station | |
| | | | | Katherine Watchhouse |
| | | | Northern Investigation Section | |
| | | | | Northern Crime Scene Examination Unit |
| | | | | Northern SAID |
| | | | | Northern Dog Operations Unit |
| | | | | Northern Traffic Operations |
| | | | Northern Youth Engagement Unit | |
| | | Arnhem and Western Division | | |
| | | | Alyangula Police Station | |
| | | | | Ngkurr Police Station |
| | | | | Borrooloola Police Station |
| | | | Arnhem & Western | |
| | | | | Maranboy |
| | | | | Yarralin Police Station |
| | | | | Lajamanu Police Station |
| | | | | Kalkaringi Police Station |
| | | | | Timber Creek Police Station |
| | | | | Daly River Police Station |

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| | | | | Wadeye Police Station |
| | | | | Mataranka Police Station |
| | | Governance and Accountability Katherine Division | | |
| | | Remote Stations North | | |
| | | | | Warruwi Police Station |
| | | | | Minjilang Police Station |
| | | | | Numbulwar Police Station |
| | | | | Minyerri Police Station |
| | | | | Bulman Police Station |
| | | | | Peppimenarti Police Station |
| | Southern Command | | | |
| | | Alice Springs Division | | Alice Police Station |
| | | | | Southern Traffic Operations Unit |
| | | | | Alice Springs Crime Prevention Unit |
| | | | | Alice Springs Watchhouse |
| | | Governance and Accountability ASP DIV | | |
| | | Central Desert Division | | |
| | | | | Ntaria Police Station |
| | | | | Kulgera Police Station |
| | | | | Papunya Police Station |
| | | | | Yuendumu Police Station |
| | | | | Kintore Police Station |
| | | | | Warkurna Police Station |
| | | | | Ti Tree Police Station |
| | | | | Harts Range Police Station |
| | | Tennant Creek and Barkly | | |

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| | | Division | | |
| | | | | Tennant Creek Police Station |
| | | | | Tennant Creek Investigations Unit |
| | | | | Tennant Creek DVPU |
| | | | | Ali Curung Police Station |
| | | | | Elliott Police Station |
| | | | | Avon Downs Police Station |
| | | Southern Investigation Division | | |
| | | | Southern Investigation Section | |
| | | | | Southern Crime Scene Examination Unit |
| | | | | Southern Domestic Violence Protection Unit |
| | | | | Southern CIU |
| | | | | Southern Child Abuse Task Force |
| | | | Southern Investigation Section | Southern Dog Operations Unit |
| | | | | Southern SAID |
| | | Remote Stations South | | |
| | | | | Mutijulu Police Station |
| | | | | Imanpa Police Station |
| | | | | Haasts Bluff Police Station |
| | | | | Nyirripi Police Station |
| | | | | Apatula Police Station |
| | | | | Lyente Apurte Police Station |
| | | | | Arlparra Police Station |
| | | | | Willowra Police Station |
| | | | | Alpurrurulam Police Station |

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| Remote Policing Command | | | | |
| | | Remote Development Division | | |
| | | | Remote Workforce Development | |
| | | | Police Air Section | |
| Office of the Deputy Commissioner | | | | |
| | Frontline Capability Development Command | | | |
| | Professional Standards Command | | | |
| | Profession Development Command | | | |
| | | Development Studies | | |
| | | | Operational Safety Section | |
| | | | | Negotiation and Conflict Resolution Unit |
| | | | | Road Policing and Driver Training Unit |
| | | | | Katherine Command Training |
| | | | | Alice Springs Command Training |
| | | | | Armoury Unit |
| | | Foundation Studies | | |
| | | | Instructional Unit | |
| | | | Recruit Course | |
| | | Remote Policing Section | | |
| | Police Recruitment and Selections | | | |

5. As at 1 June 2014, there were 84 established Aboriginal community police officer positions.

6. The collection of information required to answer this question would require the physical examination of each roster that was in force across the Northern Territory on each of the days in question.

As such, it is beyond the agency's capacity to manually examine the information to provide an accurate response for this question and the Government is not willing to commit the resources necessary to ascertain the response.

7. On 01/06/2014, 236 police were on leave.

| Leave Type | Constable and Above | ACPO | PAUX | Total |
|---------------------|---------------------|----------|-----------|------------|
| Compensation | 5 | | 2 | 7 |
| Defence Leave | 2 | | | 2 |
| Recreation Leave | 129 | 6 | 8 | 143 |
| Suspension With Pay | 1 | 1 | | 2 |
| Long Service Leave | 26 | | 2 | 28 |
| Personal Leave | 11 | 1 | 7 | 19 |
| Parental Leave | 18 | 1 | 6 | 25 |
| Leave Without Pay | 6 | | 2 | 8 |
| Paternity Leave | 1 | | | 1 |
| Fares Out Leave | 1 | | | 1 |
| Total | 200 | 9 | 27 | 236 |

8. Due to the varied nature of policing, it is often not possible to assign a particular function or initiative to one particular Output Group. The majority of savings and initiatives for police related functions are apportioned across all three police Output Groups.

The reduction of \$3.8 million from the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Output Group is the result of a number of factors:

- One-off funding in 2013-14 for projects including the Safe Streets Audit, iPad purchases and IT related projects;
- Administrative and operational efficiencies resulting from the rollout of iPads to frontline police officers;
- Civilianisation of a number of positions currently occupied by police officers where powers are not required. Savings will result from the lower cost of employing a civilian with no loss of service levels;
- Whole of government savings resulting from a new management strategy for the purchase of Multi-Function Devices and new air travel arrangements; and
- The closure of the unproductive shopfronts at Nightcliff and Casuarina

9. Due to the varied nature of policing, it is often not possible to assign a particular function or initiative to one particular Output Group. The majority of savings and initiatives for police related functions are apportioned across all three police Output Groups.

The reduction of \$5.5 million in the General Policing, Crime Detection, Investigation and Prosecution Output Group is the result of a number of factors:

- One-off funding in 2013-14 for projects including the Safe Streets Audit, iPad purchases and IT related projects;
- Administrative and operational efficiencies resulting from the rollout of iPads to frontline police officers;

- Civilianisation of a number of positions currently occupied by police officers where powers are not required. Savings will result from the lower cost of employing a civilian with no loss of service levels;
- Whole of government savings resulting from a new management strategy for the purchase of Multi-Function Devices and new air travel arrangements; and
- The closure of Nightcliff and Casuarina Police Shopfronts.

10. The tables below detail the percentage of calls answered within the target grades of service (10 seconds for triple zero calls and 20 seconds for 131 444 calls), by month for 2012, 2013 and 2014 (year-to-date).

| | 2014 | | | | | 2013 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | May | Apr | Mar | Feb | Jan | Dec | Nov | Oct | Sep | Aug | Jul | Jun | May | Apr | Mar | Feb | Jan |
| 000 calls answered within 10 seconds (target 90%) | 96.3% | 94.9% | 94.7% | 94.5% | 92.8% | 92.6% | 89.6% | 86.7% | 82.7% | 82.5% | 74.4% | 63% | 65% | 57% | 55% | 56% | 64% |
| 131444 calls answered within 20 seconds (target 80%) | 88.1% | 85.5% | 85.9% | 87.6% | 87.5% | 88.2% | 82.1% | 76.7% | 68.7% | 71.7% | 59.6% | 52% | 49% | 46% | 53% | 62% | 64% |

| | 2012 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | Dec | Nov | Oct | Sep | Aug | Jul | Jun | May | Apr | Mar | Feb | Jan |
| 000 calls answered within 10 seconds (target 90%) | 70% | 70% | 57% | 59% | 72% | 72% | 77% | 67% | 68% | 75% | 83% | 76% |
| 131444 calls answered within 20 seconds (target 80%) | 59% | 59% | 46% | 49% | 55% | 59% | 66% | 61% | 67% | 66% | 68% | 65% |

11. The collection of information required to answer this question would require the physical examination of each roster that was in force across the Northern Territory over each year in question.

As such, it is beyond the agency's capacity to manually examine the information to provide an accurate response for this question and the Government is not willing to commit the resources necessary to ascertain the response.

12. 1 July 2014.

13. The collection of information required to answer this question would require extensive manual searching of PROMIS to isolate all offences occurring in the geographic area of the Police Beat.

Because a Police Beat is not a generic 'place name' in PROMIS, these search parameters would involve a search string in respect of every street and common place name within every Police Beat across the Northern Territory over each year in question.

As such, it is beyond the agency's capacity to manually examine the information to provide an accurate response for this question and the Government is not willing to commit the resources necessary to ascertain the response.

14. It is important to recognise that a Police Beat is distinct from a Police Shop Front; however, the terms are sometimes mistakenly interchanged by external commentators. A Police Beat is a geographic area of patrol saturation that generally, but not always, surrounds a Police Shop Front.

As at 1 July 2014, there will be two Police Shop Fronts operating in the Greater Darwin Area, namely, Parap and Palmerston, as well as the Police Shop Front at Katherine.

Police Beat patrol officers will be rostered to perform duties from these three Police Shop Fronts. However, in other Police Beat locations across the Northern Territory, patrol resources will be drawn from local Police Stations as part of ongoing public order and crime reduction initiatives.

15. Staffing for the Police Shop Fronts is drawn from the respective police stations and current levels are detailed below.

Parap

| <u>Shop Front</u> | <u>Police Beat</u> |
|-------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 x Auxiliary | 5 x Constables and 5 x ACPOs |

The Police Beat consists of police officers who work in vehicles and on foot. The Police Beats are currently operating on a 24-hour basis under the direct supervision of the respective Darwin Police Station supervisors. The officers primarily target the Parap area but are also required to attend taskings in other hot spot areas as required within the Division. These officers are drawn from Darwin Police Station.

Of note is the fact that the Police Beat Staff (6) will be participating in *Operation Ascari* (Joint MPG, DWN and CAS ASB Operation) from 19 June to 1 October 2014.

Palmerston

| <u>Shop Front</u> | <u>Police Beat</u> |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 x Auxiliary | 1 x Sgt, 3 x Constables and 6 x ACPOs |

The Palmerston Police Beat primarily responds, proactively and reactively, to incidents occurring within the Palmerston CBD including the Palmerston Shopping Centre, Oasis Shopping Centre and The Hub entertainment complex. It is staffed by members from the Palmerston Police Station.

Katherine

Shop Front

Police Beat

1 x Auxiliary/Constable Staffing resources are drawn on a demand basis from police officers rostered to perform for Public Order initiatives.

The Katherine Police Beat largely involves the conduct of proactive and public reassurance patrols in and around the Katherine CBD including the Oasis Shopping Centre and Katherine Hotel. The Police Beat is staffed by members from the Katherine Police Station.

16. Temporary Beat Locations (TBL) are established on an 'as needs basis', based on intelligence and in response to identified existing or developing issues.
17. Temporary Beat Locations (TBL) are established on an 'as needs basis', based on intelligence and in response to identified existing or developing issues.
18. The collection of information required to answer this question would require extensive manual searching of PROMIS to isolate all offences occurring as a result of TBL.

As such, it is beyond the agency's capacity to manually examine the information to provide an accurate response for this question and the Government is not willing to commit the resources necessary to ascertain the response.

19. When police are rostered to perform Temporary Beat duties these staff are available for and do perform general duties policing.

As such they are part of the allocation for general duties for that day.

20. By monthly average from 1 September 2012 to 31 May 2014.

- a. Call Centre Operations;
- b. response Tasking and Incident Attendance; and
- c. Search and rescue operations for the following dates

by monthly average from 1 September 2012 to 31 May 2014.

As worded, the question is beyond the capacity of the agency to manually examine the information to provide an accurate response.

Calls for assistance are received and dispatched for response in accordance with a prioritisation model, ensuring that resources are dispatched to the highest priority incidents.

The table below provides the monthly average for the proportion of priority 1 incidents responded to within 10 minutes across Darwin, Casuarina, Nightcliff, Palmerston, Alice Springs and Katherine between 1 September 2012 and 31 May 2014.

| Year-Month | Proportion of incidents where Police are dispatched within 10 mins |
|-------------------|---|
| 2012-09 | 72.16% |
| 2012-10 | 70.92% |
| 2012-11 | 68.44% |
| 2012-12 | 69.28% |
| 2013-01 | 67.67% |
| 2013-02 | 62.08% |
| 2013-03 | 62.18% |
| 2013-04 | 67.00% |
| 2013-05 | 69.10% |

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| 2013-06 | 68.72% |
| 2013-07 | 67.67% |
| 2013-08 | 68.84% |
| 2013-09 | 70.20% |
| 2013-10 | 70.76% |
| 2013-11 | 71.44% |
| 2013-12 | 66.79% |
| 2014-01 | 67.54% |
| 2014-02 | 71.29% |
| 2014-03 | 70.56% |
| 2014-04 | 66.53% |
| 2014-05 | 71.52% |

(Source ICAD and data extracted on 03/06/2014).

21. a Yes. Government approved Capital Works Program amount of \$9.36M for project as per table below.
- b. \$8M as per table below.
- c. \$1.782M as per table below.
- d. There is no change to the total approved funding of \$19.06M. The *2014-15 Budget Paper No.4* simply reflects a best guide of remaining commitment (or revote program) at financial year end of \$15.6M noting that this is based on estimated expenditure in the prior year.

The Capital Works Program or total approved funding for the three police facilities is \$19.06M as per the table below.

The *2014-15 Budget Paper No.4*, published in May 2014, estimates expenditure on these three projects at 30 June 2014 at \$3.5M as per the table below and therefore leaves an estimated revote program of \$15.6M remaining.

This approach recognises each project's 2013-14 Capital Works status and project progression during the year.

| Description | Capital Works Program (total approved funding) | Estimated Expenditure 2013-14 | Estimated Revote Program (2014-15 Budget Paper No.4) |
|-------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|---|
| Alparra police facilities | \$9,360,000 | \$1,891,000 | \$7,469,000 |
| Yuendumu police facilities | \$8,000,000 | \$1,258,000 | \$6,742,000 |
| Pirlangimpi police facilities | \$1,782,000 | \$363,000 | \$1,419,000 |
| Total | \$19,060,000 | \$3,512,000 | \$15,630,000 |