

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**WRITTEN QUESTION**

Mr Yan to the Minister for Health:

**NTG Funded Private Security at Hospitals and Remote Health Clinics**

**1. How many private security officers are currently being employed at NT Hospitals?**

Private security officers are contracted as required at each hospital to meet operational requirements.

- Alice Springs Hospital (ASH): contracted security officers as needed for 24/7 coverage.
- Gove District Hospital (GDH): contracted security officers provide 3 mobile patrols per day.
- Katherine Hospital (KH): 1 contracted security officer per shift per day for 24/7 coverage.
- Palmerston Regional Hospital (PRH): 3 contracted security officers per shift per day for 24/7 coverage.
- Royal Darwin Hospital (RDH): contracted security officers vary depending on current needs of the hospital for 24/7 coverage.
- Tennant Creek Hospital (TCH): 1 contracted security officer for night patrols and 24 hour coverage on weekends and public holidays.

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

The firms supplying the security officers are:

- Dynasdy Pty Ltd
- Talice Security Services
- MSS Security Pty Ltd
- ML Global Pty Ltd
- Bhagwan Marine Security Pty Ltd
- Wilson Security Pty Ltd

**3. Was this a select tender or an open tender?**

Open tender

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

Value of contracts including variations is commercial in confidence.

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Variations (number)</b>
Dynasdy Pty Ltd*	14
Talice Security Services*	14
MSS Security Pty Ltd	6
ML Global Pty Ltd	9
Bhagwan Marine Security Pty Ltd	7
Wilson Security Pty Ltd	2
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Note\* This is one contract with two vendors.

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

See response to Question 1

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

No

**7. Which hospitals do they operate at and how many officers are at each hospital?**

Refer to Question 1.

**8. How much does it cost monthly to have these private security officers operating at the hospitals?**

Refer to Question 10.

**9. When did these hospital patrols begin operating?**

- ASH: Security personnel have been in place for over 10 years.
- GDH: This service commenced in December 2017
- KH: This service commenced in December 2013.
- RDPH: RDH private security has been utilised on an ongoing basis for over 10 years. The PRH service has been in place since the opening of PRH on 25 August 2018.
- TCH: This service commenced in 2016.

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

Total for 2022/23 financial year by hospital:

ASH	\$1,656,878
GDH	\$267,330
KH	\$533,279
RDPH	\$7,923,967
TCH	\$498,900

- 11. How much of these costs were paid in overtime for private security officers at the hospitals in total in the last financial year (2022/23)? Please provide a month-by-month breakdown per hospital.**

Contracts for private security services are inclusive of all costs and do not stipulate separate rates for overtime.

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

Please refer to Question 2

- 13. How many private security officers are currently being employed at NT remote health clinics?**

There is currently no private security employed at Barkly, Big Rivers, East Arnhem and Top End remote health clinics.

Central Australia:

- Papunya Two in total. One on each 12-hour patrol.
- Yuendumu Two in total. One on each 12-hour patrol.

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

- Papunya 24/7
- Yuendumu 24/7

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

No

- 16. At which remote health clinics do they operate and how many security officers are at each clinic?**

Refer to Question 13 and 14.

- 17. How much does it cost monthly to have these private security officers operating at the remote health clinics?**

Total 2022-23 financial year: \$1.48 million

**18. When did these remote health clinics patrols begin operating?**

- Papunya: Commenced in June 2022
- Yuendumu: Commenced in December 2020.

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

Last financial year across the NT, the following number of incidents were referred to police by security officers at remote health clinics:

- Rock Throwing 12
- Vehicle Damage 8
- Unlawful/ Attempted Entry 11
- Attempted Vehicle Theft 1
- Building Damage 2
- Staff Under Siege 3
- Threatening behaviour 10
- Fighting 4

**20. How much of these costs were paid in overtime for private security officers on public transport in total in the last financial year 2022/23. Please supply a month-by-month breakdown per clinic?**

Not applicable for the Minister for Health as public transport is the responsibility of the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics.