# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

**No. 338**

**WRITTEN QUESTION**

J Davis to the Minister for Health, Hon Steven Edgington MLA:

**Illicit Tobacco Legislative Reform**

1. What specific legislative reforms is the Government developing in response to the current limitations of the Tobacco Control Act 2002?

2. When did work on these reforms commence?

3. What is the current status of the legislative reform project?

4. When does the Government intend to introduce the proposed legislation to the Legislative Assembly?

5. Will the proposed legislation include:
    a. specific offences for the sale, supply and distribution of illicit tobacco;

    b. increased penalties;

    c. powers to issue temporary and longer-term closure orders;

    d. powers to seize and dispose of illicit tobacco and associated products;

    e. powers to pursue the proceeds of illicit tobacco activity; and

    f. provisions relating to landlords who knowingly continue to provide premises for illegal tobacco activity?

    g. If any of these measures are not proposed, why not?

6. What additional powers do NT Health regulatory officers currently have to identify, investigate and seize illicit tobacco, and to initiate closure action against premises selling illicit tobacco?

7. Does the Government consider the current NT legislative framework sufficient to allow NT authorities to independently disrupt and shut down premises selling illicit tobacco?
    a. If not, why has the necessary legislation not yet been introduced?