



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 182

WRITTEN QUESTION

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

Data on Firearm Theft

1. How many firearms were reported to be stolen to Northern Territory Police per year (financial or calendar) for each of the past 10 years?

a) Please provide a breakdown of the types of guns reported stolen if available.

Year	Category A	Category B	Category D	Category H	Prescribed*
2016					40
2017					33
2018					36
2019					23
2020					42
2021					39
2022					22
2023		3			27
2024	6	1	1	1	
2025	7	13			

*Note: In this dataset the "Prescribed" category does not reflect the legal definition under the *Firearms Regulations 1997*. It reflects legacy firearm records carried over during data migration, where the original category was not recorded or cannot be reliably determined.

2. How many stolen firearms were located and recovered by Northern Territory Police per year (financial or calendar) for each of the past 10 years?

a) Please provide a breakdown of the types of guns reported recovered if available.

Year	Category A	Category B	Category D	Category H	Prescribed*
2016					11
2017					11
2018					17
2019					13
2020					18
2021					13
2022					8
2023		2			15
2024	3	2	1	1	
2025	5	8	1		

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- 3. What percentage of firearms recovered or seized by Northern Territory Police are unregistered?**
a) Please provide a breakdown of the types of guns recovered if available.

The NTPF collect information required under the *Firearms Act 1997* and the *Firearm Regulations 1997*, and data is recorded across two separate systems: SAFER for registrations and SerPro for thefts and seizures.

Registration status for seized firearms is dealt with on a case-by-case basis, as required by Police to undertake their duties. Any changes to enable routine reporting would require system integration or updates to how registration status is captured at the point of recording. These considerations are part of the broader ICT modernisation priorities across NTPF.

- 4. If the above data is not collected by Northern Territory Police, what is the reason for it not being collected and are there plans in place to start collecting this data?**

Refer to question 3.