



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 302

WRITTEN QUESTION

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

Police Conduct Complaints and the Anti-Racism Strategy

1. The Northern Territory Police Force released an Anti-Racism Strategy in November 2025. What is the implementation plan for that strategy, and will it be provided to the Assembly?
 - a. What budget is allocated to its implementation in 2026–27?
 - b. What measures under it have commenced, and which remain outstanding?
 - c. Against what measures will its effectiveness be assessed, and on what date is the first assessment due?
2. What standard of conduct applies to members of the Northern Territory Police Force in relation to racist conduct or language, and in which instrument is that standard set out?
 - a. Does that standard apply differently to members at or above the rank of Commander? If so, how?
 - b. In how many matters in 2025–26 was conduct assessed against that standard, and what were the outcomes by category?
3. In January 2026 conduct by senior members of the Northern Territory Police Force was reported publicly. Was that conduct the subject of an investigation or a conduct assessment?
 - a. On what date was it commenced, and under which policy, general order or standard operating procedure was it conducted?
 - b. If it has been finalised, on what date, and what was the outcome recorded?
 - c. What action, if any, was taken in consequence, expressed by category of action rather than by reference to any individual?

- d. If no investigation or assessment was commenced, on what date was that decision made, by whom, and in which system is it recorded?
- 4. Where conduct by a member is reported publicly, what is the process by which the Force determines whether to commence an investigation, and within what period is that determination made?
 - a. In 2025–26, how many matters were commenced as a result of a public report, and how many were determined to require no investigation?
 - b. Is a record made of a decision not to investigate, and in which system is it recorded?
- 5. In relation to the five members who provided sworn statements to a coronial inquest concerning awards made within the Territory Response Group: has Professional Standards Command conducted or commenced any assessment or investigation in relation to those members?
 - a. If no such assessment or investigation was commenced, on what date was that decision made, and by whom?
 - b. Was external legal advice obtained on whether the conduct met the threshold for disciplinary or criminal investigation? If so, from whom, on what date, and at what cost?
 - c. What material, if any, has the Force identified as falling outside the scope of the completed Independent Commissioner Against Corruption investigation, and what consideration has been given to it?
- 6. What is the process by which an officer of another jurisdiction or agency may be sworn in or engaged to conduct an investigation on behalf of, or in partnership with, the Northern Territory Police Force?
 - a. On how many occasions has that process been used since 1 January 2024?
 - b. For each occasion, what was the scope of the engagement, who approved it, what was its total cost, and has a report been provided?
- 7. What was the total cost to the Territory of the cessation of the appointment of the Commissioner of Police in 2025?
 - a. What components make up that amount, including any payment in lieu of notice, accrued entitlements, settlement sum or legal costs?

- b. From which appropriation was it paid?
- 8. What arrangements are in place to manage any actual or perceived conflict of interest arising where the Chief Executive Officer of the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption is a former Commissioner of Police, in relation to complaints made by or about members of the Northern Territory Police Force?
 - a. Is there a documented protocol governing the handling of such complaints, and will it be provided to the Assembly?
 - b. What advice, if any, has been given to members about how to make a report where they perceive such a conflict?