LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 339

WRITTEN QUESTION

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

NT Police Enforcement of Illicit Tobacco Activity

1. How many additional enforcement officers have been funded through the Commonwealth funding allocated to address illicit tobacco activity and have been:

    a. recruited;
    b. appointed;
    c. trained; and
    d. deployed?

2. Which agencies are responsible for these additional enforcement positions?

3. What additional powers do NT Police currently have to identify, investigate and seize illicit tobacco, and shut down premises selling illicit tobacco?

4. How many NT-led enforcement operations targeting illicit tobacco have occurred since 1 January 2026?

5. Since 1 January 2026, how many premises have been:

    a. inspected;
    b. issued with notices;
    c. subject to tobacco seizures;
    d. temporarily closed; and
    e. permanently closed?

6. How many recent illicit tobacco operations in the NT have been led by:

    a. Australian Border Force;
    b. NT Police;
    c. other NT Government agencies; and
    d. joint Commonwealth and NT operations?

7. What enforcement activities can NT Police undertake independently, without Australian Border Force involvement?

8. Does the Government consider NT Police currently has sufficient legislative powers, resources and operational capacity to independently disrupt illicit tobacco activity and shut down premises involved in its sale and distribution?

    a. If not, what additional powers, resources or legislative changes are required?