

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Guyula to the Minister for Police:

Police Weapons

NT Police response:

The information requested is deemed to be commercial-in-confidence due to contractual obligations and procurement arrangements in place. Additionally, it is not appropriate or in the public interest to reveal Police capabilities that are protected information.

- 1. Please provide information about the kinetic impact projectiles (bullet-like missiles used as a deterrent through pain of impact) that are in use by police.**

Please provide

- a) the make and model of any rubber bullets (also known as baton rounds or 'flash ball' rounds) used by police;
- b) the make and model of any plastic-metal composite bullets (also known as plastic or rubber bullets) used by police;
- c) the make and model of any scattershot (also known as multi-projectile rounds or rubber pellet rounds) used by police;
- d) the make and model of any attenuated energy projectile (also known as AEP) used by police;
- e) the make and model of any flexible baton rounds (also known as bean bag rounds) used by police;
- f) the make and model of any sponge rounds (also known as foam-tipped plastic bullets or sponge grenades) used by police;
- g) the make and model of any pellet rounds (also known as birdshot or buckshot) used by police;
- h) the make and model of any pepper-spray projectiles (also known as pepper balls or FN 303) used by police;

- i) the make and model of all kinetic impact weapons launchers (launchers capable of firing kinetic impact projectiles) used by police.

2. Please provide information about the chemical irritants that are currently in use by police.

Please provide:

- a) the manufacturer and the formulation, size, concentration and delivery mechanism for all lachrymatory agents that can be used by police;
- b) the manufacturer and the formulation, size, concentration and delivery mechanism for all capsaicin agents that can be used by police;
- c) the manufacturer and the formulation, size, concentration and delivery mechanism for any malodorant chemicals that can be used by police;
- d) the manufacturer and the formulation, size, concentration and delivery mechanism for any other chemical irritants that can be used by police;
- e) The make and model of all chemical irritant delivery mechanisms

3. Please provide information about the quantity, make, model, and manufacturer of any water cannons that can be used for crowd control by police.

4. Please provide the make and model of the disorientation devices (also known as distraction devices, flash-bang grenades, blast balls or stinger grenades) that are in use by police.

5. Please provide information about the quantity, make, model, brand and manufacturer of any acoustic weapons (also known as long-range acoustic devices, LRADs, mosquitos, sound cannons, hailing devices or sonic bullets) that can be used as a crowd control weapon by police.

6. Please provide information about the quantity, make, model, and manufacturer of the blunt force weapons (aka batons or striking weapons) in use by police.

- 7. Please provide information about the electronic control devices (for clarity, this is any type of weapon that uses electric currents to immobilise or deter, these weapons usually pass a high-voltage current between two electrodes) that are in use by police.**

Please provide:

- a) the make and model of any hand held electronic control devices (also known as prods, stun guns or shock shields or by the brand name TASER when used in 'stun' mode) that are pressed against an individual to take effect that can be used by police;
- b) the make and model of any hand held electronic control devices that can be fired and can shock an individual from a distance (also known by the brand name TASER) that are used by police;
- c) the make and model of any electronic control devices that can be part of body-worn devices (for example stun belts or stun cuffs) that are used by police;

- 8. Please provide information about the restraints in use by police.**

Please provide

- a) the quantity, make, model, and manufacturer of all handcuffs (made from any material) that are in use by police;
- b) the quantity, make, model, and manufacturer of all leg cuffs that are used by police;
- c) the quantity, make, model, and manufacturer of all belly chains (also known as restraint belts) used by police;
- d) the quantity, make, model, and manufacturer of all combination cuffs (cuffs that restrain both hands and legs) that are used by police;
- e) the quantity, make, model, and manufacturer of any thumb cuffs that are used by police;
- f) the quantity, make, model, and manufacturer of any restraint chairs with metallic restraints that are used by police;

- g) the quantity, make, model, and manufacturer of any bar fetters (a rigid bar connecting two lockable rings or cuffs), rigid combination cuffs (hand and leg restraints linked together by a rigid metal bar) or gang chains (multiple cuffs attached to a single chain restraining several people together) that are used by police;
- h) the quantity, make, model, and manufacturer of any fixed restraints (single or double lockable cuffs attached to a metal chain designed to be bolted or fixed to another object) in use by police;

9. Please provide information about all unmanned aerial vehicles (also known as drones) that can be armed with less lethal weapons.

- a) the make and model of any unmanned aerial vehicles that can be used (or modified) to fire or disperse chemical irritants;
- b) the make and model of any unmanned aerial vehicles that can be used (or modified) to fire, disperse, spread or distribute any other crowd control weapons.

10. Please provide information about the quantity, make, model, and manufacturer of any millimeter wave weapons that can be used for crowd control by police.