



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 294

WRITTEN QUESTION

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

Remote Police Staffing and Welfare

1. For each remote police station in the Northern Territory, please provide, in table form: the staffing establishment; the current full-time equivalent staffing; and the number of vacant positions.
 - a. For how many days in 2025–26 was each remote station staffed below its established strength?
 - b. What is the longest continuous period in 2025–26 for which any remote station was staffed by a single officer?
 - c. If staffing against establishment is not recorded by station, in which system is rostered strength recorded, and in what format?
2. Recommendation 7 of the Northern Territory Police Review recommended the recruitment of an additional 200 sworn staff over four years, including allocations to remote stations ensuring a minimum of three police members per remote station. How many remote stations are currently staffed by fewer than three sworn members?
 - a. Please identify each such station and its current sworn strength.
 - b. How many of the additional 200 sworn positions have been recruited to date, and how many have been allocated to remote stations?
 - c. By what date is the minimum of three sworn members per remote station expected to be achieved at every remote station?
3. What are the arrangements for officers stationed at remote posts to be on call outside rostered hours?
 - a. Is time spent on call outside rostered hours recorded, and in which system?

- b. How many hours of on-call time were recorded across remote stations in 2025–26?
 - c. Is any allowance or time off in lieu payable for on-call time at remote stations, and at what rate?
- 4. What are the eligibility conditions for Fares Out of Isolated Localities entitlements for members stationed at remote posts?
 - a. How many eligible members accessed that entitlement in 2025–26, and how many eligible members did not?
 - b. How many applications for recreation leave by members at remote stations were declined or deferred in 2025–26, and on what grounds?
 - c. What is the average rate of personal or sick leave taken by members at remote stations, compared with the Force-wide average?
- 5. What is the current status of the review of member welfare arrangements within the Northern Territory Police Force?
 - a. On what date was it commissioned, by whom, and has it been completed?
 - b. Was any external consultant engaged, and what was the value of that engagement?
 - c. What recommendations has it made, and which have been implemented?
 - d. Will the review be provided to the Assembly?