

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**WRITTEN QUESTION**

Mr Maley to the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services:

**NTFRS Volunteer Fire Fighters – Training**

1. How many trained/qualified (wildfire qualified) volunteer fire fighters are there within the Northern and Southern Region that are qualified to fight wildfires?
2. How reliant is the fire service on the volunteer fire fighters during our fire season and to maintain community safety in remote communities and roads?
3. What is the total number of volunteer fire fighters in the NT?
4. How many of these volunteer fire fighters are wildfire qualified?
5. How many volunteers attended wildfire training last year?
6. How many volunteer firefighters require training to be able to respond to wildfire and other incidents?
7. How often are training courses conducted to qualify firefighters to fight wild fires?
8. How many people can attend per course?
9. How many wildfire courses have been conducted in the last 6 years?
10. Do operators of the tankers need instruction to structure fire or external attack training?
11. If so how many volunteer fire fighters are presently qualified to carry out these tasks?
12. Are volunteer fire fighters trained in all areas of the roles and responsibilities to protect the community?
13. What was last year's (2020/21) budget for training volunteer fire fighters?
14. What is this year's (2021/22) training budget?
15. How many trainers are there in the volunteer training section?

16. Is this sufficient to conduct the required training and if not, has additional manpower and/or budget been requested to increase this capability?
17. Are there sufficient volunteers trained in training and assessment and are these members utilised to conduct training?
18. Please provide a breakdown of where the training budget was spent last year (e.g. how many training courses were undertaken).
19. Please provide a breakdown of how this year's budget is going to be spent providing training for volunteer firefighters?
20. How many actual training days for training volunteer firefighters, for their core roles, were there in 2021?
21. How many planned training days are there in 2022?
22. Please provide a breakdown of what training is planned to be delivered to trainee volunteer fight fighters?
23. Has there been any suitable Crown land areas allocated for wildfire training?