

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Lambley to the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services:

Crime, Police Officers and Police Stations in Central Australia

1. How do you explain the unprecedented spike in crime in Alice Springs from 1 March 2016 to 29 February 2017 compared to 1 March 2015 to 28 February 2016?
2. Since coming to Government in 27 August 2016 what strategies have you implemented to address the escalating crime rate in Alice Springs?
3. As Minister responsible for Police will you be authorising, approving or sanctioning the winding back or ceasing of the Temporary Beat Locations (TBLs) or POS's (Police at Point of Sale) in Alice Springs in the future?
4. Please provide evidence to counter the claim the TBLs have been the single most successful strategy in reducing alcohol fuelled crime and anti-social behaviour in Alice Springs over the past 4-5 years and which would support winding back or ceasing this crucial and entirely successful service provided by the Northern Territory Police?
5. How many Police Officers are employed in Alice Springs, as of the June 2017?
6. How many vacant positions are there within the Central region of the Northern Territory Police?
7. Are there any Police stations in remote communities of Central Australia between 1 June 2016 to 31 May 2017 that have been:
 - (a) Closed 100% of the time? Provide detail of the exact Police Stations and when these changes occurred.
 - (b) Closed part of the time? Provide detail of the exact Police Stations and when these changes occurred.
 - (c) Closed temporarily? Provide detail of the exact Police Stations and when these changes occurred.
8. Could you provide details of:

- (a) Why have these Police Stations been closed all of the time or part of the time?
 - (b) How long have these Police Stations not been fully functional? Provide dates.
 - (c) What plans do you have to reopen these Police Stations full time or part time? Give details.
 - (d) What contingency plans have been put in place to ensure the communities effected by Police Stations being closed, are adequately serviced by the Police?
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