

## Estimates Committee 2009 Questions Taken On Notice

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Subject: NTPES - members - on duty - breath testing

**From:** Mr Terry Mills to Chief Minister Paul Henderson  
Northern Territory Police Fire and Emergency Services

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**Question:** **3-11**  
Mr MILLS: How many positive breath tests were recorded by NT Police staff, uniformed and civilian?

Mr CHAIRMAN: And that is question No 3.11.

COMMISSIONER WHITE: Excuse me, can I just get clarification, how many breath tests were performed by NT police ...

Mr CHAIRMAN: The question I think is in relation to NT Police members that have tested positive.

COMMISSIONER WHITE: All right, thank you.

Mr MILLS: How many positive breath tests were recorded?

COMMISSIONER WHITE: Just to clarify further, is this while they are on duty or they are off duty?

Mr MILLS: Uniformed and civilian.

COMMISSIONER WHITE: Either on duty or off duty.

Mr HENDERSON: Can I ask whether a police officer has had a recorded positive breath test whilst they are off duty, what on earth has that got to do with the budget?

Mr MILLS: I will take it on duty.

**Answer:**  
Answered On: 06/07/2009  
Answer: During the 2008/09 period no staff of the Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Service (NTPFES) has returned a positive breath test while on duty. The NTPFES has no policies on random testing in the workplace.