

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

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

Response Services

1. What is the police policy with regard to single officer patrols and the status of the policy development? What are the circumstances in which police are allowed to work alone, is there a process that must be followed in assessing risk?

ANSWER:

1. The Northern Territory (NT) Police Force (NTPF) do deploy some personnel to single officer operational duties on a risk-assessed and risk-mitigated basis.

These mitigation strategies include but are not limited to:

- Existing General Orders, specifically the Operational Response Instruction
- NTPF Operational Safety and Tactics (OST) Policy and Training
- 10 Operational Safety Principles
- Provision of OST and communications equipment:
 - Vest
 - Body Worn Video
 - Radio
 - Handcuffs
 - Baton
 - Aerosol Subject Restraint Spray
 - Taser
 - Glock Pistol.
- Training tailored to role/s with initial direct supervision
- Competency sign off required prior to police auxiliary liquor inspectors operating 'one up'
- Guidelines and precautionary actions distributed throughout the NTPF – Point of Sale Intervention (POSI) Concept of Operations and Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)
- Ongoing review of rosters
- Self-driven risk assessments based on environmental scanning and situational awareness at duty locations sites as directed by local SOP
- Use of mobile closed-circuit television at POSI locations.