



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 45

## WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Uibo to the Minister for Education:

### Truancy Officers

Regarding your policy to issue infringement notices for children who do not attend school, please advise:

1. Will infringement notices be issued directly to children aged 15 and 16 years old and will they be liable to pay the notice?
2. What enforcement or compliance activities will be taken to pursue the non-payment of an infringement notice?
3. What training is provided to Truancy officers, and what regulatory checks must they undergo before commencement?
4. What qualifications is required for Truancy officers?
5. What engagement has occurred with schools and local communities prior to the introduction of these infringement notices?
6. What engagement has occurred with schools and local communities since the introduction of these infringement notices?
7. From where do truancy officers source their information about student non-attendance and what engagement do they have with principals to understand a family's circumstances before issuing an infringement notice?
8. What is the school non-attendance threshold for issuing an infringement notice?
9. What consideration is given to families escaping domestic, family or sexual violence prior to an infringement notice being issued?
10. Are Northern Territory Police accompanying Truancy Officers when they issue infringement notices? If so, how often?
11. From August 25, 2024, how many warnings and infringement notices have been issued to parents and students?

12. How many instances have been recorded of principals and school staff being verbally abused as a result of an infringement notice being issued?