

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Member for Araluen to the Minister for Police:

Monitoring of CCTV cameras by the NT Police

1. What is the annual cost of Police monitoring CCTV cameras for:

- a) Darwin
- b) Alice Springs
- c) Katherine
- d) Tennant Creek

Please include the details of staffing and other operational costs associated with the monitoring of the CCTV cameras.

2. Please provide a breakdown of the cost of providing this service to these NT centres.

3. How many CCTV cameras do the Police monitor in:

- a) Darwin
- b) Alice Springs
- c) Katherine
- d) Tennant Creek

4. Are there plans to expand the number of CCTV cameras monitored by the Police in:

- a) Darwin
- b) Alice Springs
- c) Katherine
- d) Tennant Creek

Please provide details.

5. What percentage of the information obtained through the Police monitoring of CCTV cameras is used for:

- a) The prevention of crime
- b) Evidence in capturing, charging and the conviction of perpetrators of crime

6. Do the Police monitor all NT Government owned CCTV cameras across the NT?

7. Please provide details of all NTG owned CCTV cameras not monitored by the NT Police Force?
8. Does the NT Government outsource any monitoring of CCTV cameras to private businesses? Please provide details
9. What software does the NT Police use to monitor the CCTV cameras?
10. Please provide details of what year this software was purchased.

ANSWERS

1. The CCTV unit currently has 14 operators who are rostered into five teams; four teams of three operators and one team of two operators to monitor all 260 cameras in the Northern Territory Police Force (NTPF) CCTV networks and also deploy the three mobile CCTV units in the Darwin Region.

Current employee funding is \$1.5M.

2. Scheduled annual maintenance costs, fibre charges and License Deeds:

Location	Maintenance	Fibre	License Deeds	Total Cost
Darwin	\$83,806	\$216,000	\$32,368	\$332,174
Alice Springs	\$28,520	\$16,172		\$ 44,692
Katherine	\$14,401	\$16,172		\$ 30,573

3.
 - a) Darwin: 195 fixed cameras + 3 mobile CCTV units (6 cameras)
 - b) Alice Springs: 42 fixed cameras + 1 mobile CCTV unit (2 cameras)
 - c) Katherine: 13 fixed cameras.
 - d) Tennant Creek: 1 mobile CCTV unit (2 cameras)
4. A further \$2 million will be spent as part of the on-going roll-out of the CCTV network in 2017-18. A final decision on the location of the cameras associated with this phase of the roll-out is expected soon.

5. a) The NTPF do not record specific data sets that would enable a percentage figure to be provided in relation to the specific prevention of crime. The CCTV capability enables police to monitor key locations to prevent crime, coordinate a police response or to provide evidence of an offence post-incident.
- b) From 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017, the CCTV Unit has monitored and logged approximately 4,034 incidents. Of these, 1,191 events were proactively reported by the Unit during live monitoring of the cameras. The Unit has received and processed 357 requests to exhibit footage for investigation and prosecution purposes.
6. The NTPF do not monitor all of Government CCTV cameras. Currently the NTPF monitor 88 cameras located at the Darwin, Casuarina and Palmerston Bus Interchanges for the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL).
7. This question would be best answered by DIPL, the Department of the Attorney-General and Justice (Corrections) and the Department of Health (Royal Darwin Hospital). Please also refer to Question 6 response.
8. The NTPFES does not outsource the monitoring of its CCTV capability. Please refer to Question 7 response with regards to other NT Government departments.
9. The current Video Monitoring System (VMS) being used is IndigoVision.
10. IndigoVision was the original VMS installed in 2009 when the NT Government installed CCTV. It was recently upgraded to the latest version (version 14) this year.