

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

### WRITTEN QUESTION

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

#### Investigations

- 1. What funding has been provided for Taskforce Nemesis in 2017-18? What steps is Taskforce Nemesis taking to deal with the increasing use and abuse of Ice in the community and will additional officers be assigned to Taskforce Neo?**

Taskforce Nemesis was established in June 2015 with no specific funding allocated to it. The Taskforce was established under a Joint Agency Agreement involving NT and Federal agencies.

Over the past 12 months Taskforce Nemesis has dismantled a number of organised criminal syndicates which were bringing large volumes of drugs, including cocaine, MDMA (ecstasy) and cannabis into the Northern Territory from interstate and overseas.

Since the commencement of Taskforce Nemesis 'Operation Evolution'; there has been a noticeably steady decrease in methamphetamine detections and seizures with some Dark-Web suppliers indicating that they will not supply to the Northern Territory any more. This is an excellent outcome.

Taskforce Nemesis will continue to target illicit drug importation and trafficking, particularly focussing on postal and air cargo delivery streams.

Taskforce Neo no longer exists.

- 2. What actions are being taken by the police to combat cybercrime, including training initiatives and developing frontline competency, given the vulnerability of young and senior Territorians and Indigenous Territorians to such crime?**

In response to the evolving threat of Cybercrime to the Northern Territory community a Cybercrime Unit (CCU) has been established by the NTPF. The Concept of Operations for the CCU has recently been ratified and includes the development of agency wide cyber investigative and response capability in line with the national tiered training standards.

The CCU are presently involved in the NTPF investigator development training stream and it is a priority to extend this involvement to recruit development and develop 'frontline' training packages appropriate for agency wide distribution.

The CCU maintains a presence on both social and traditional media and conduct regular targeted presentations to vulnerable groups in an effort to increase community awareness and enhance preventative behaviours, ultimately with the goal of minimising the impact of cybercrime on the Northern Territory community.

The CCU maintain relationships with stakeholders including DCIS ICT, NT Consumer Affairs and relevant interstate government agencies including the Australian Cybercrime Security Centre, Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission and other law enforcement agencies in an effort to maximise the Cybercrime response capability and ensure currency in what is a rapidly evolving environment.

The CCU have responsibility for complex or otherwise sensitive cybercrime investigations and further are conducting pro-active operations to enhance knowledge of the local cybercrime landscape and allow development of targeted response strategies.

**3. How many taskforces were introduced or ongoing in financial year 2017-18, and which of those will be ongoing for financial year 2018-19?**

Taskforces for financial year 2017-18 = 7

- Strikeforce Winx
- Strikeforce Scorpio
- Strikeforce Phoenix
- Strikeforce Trident
- Taskforce Nemesis
- Gangs Taskforce
- Child Abuse Taskforce

Taskforces continuing into financial year 2018-19 = 5

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- Strikeforce Trident
- Taskforce Nemesis
- Gangs Taskforce
- Child Abuse Taskforce

**4. How many grams of methamphetamine were seized by the NT Police in financial year 2017/18 and how does this compare to year 2016/17?**

Financial Year	Grams of methamphetamine seized
2016/17	6,562 grams
2017/18	9,561 grams

\*Taken from PROMIS

5. **How many grams of steroids, hallucinogenic drugs, MDMA and cannabis were seized by the NT Police in financial year 2017/18 and how does this compare to 2016/17?**

Seized Drug by type	2016/17	2017/18
Performance & Image Enhancing Drugs (PIEDs) i.e. Steroids	5,831 grams	15,682 grams
Hallucinogenic (LSD)	470 grams	50 grams
MDMA (Ecstasy)	2,696 grams	2,407 grams
Cannabis	504,370 grams	603,113 grams

\*Taken from PROMIS.

6. **How many vehicles were seized by police in financial year 2017/18?**

In the financial year 2017/18 a total of 733 vehicles were seized by NTPF.

7. **How many firearms and rounds of ammunition were seized by police in financial year 2017/18?**

Firearms – 986 seizures.

Quantities of ammunition (cannot provide individual amounts) – 289 seizures.

8. **How many Automatic Number Plate Recognition devices are currently in use in the Territory and does the 2018/19 budget provide for the provision of additional devices?**

Twelve.

There are no plans in the current budget to increase the number of ANPR's