

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Higgins to the Minister for Police, Fire & Emergency Services:

Sobering Up Shelter and Alcohol Rehabilitation

1. Is there a policy for Northern Territory Police to follow when deciding whether a person that otherwise meets the criteria of section 128 of the *Police Administration Act 2017* is to be taken into protective custody or, in the alternative, taken to a sobering up shelter?
2. Are persons transported to a sobering up shelter considered to be taken into protective custody under section 128 of the *Police Administration Act* for purposes of police making a Banned Drinker Order under section 10 of the *Alcohol Harm Reduction Act 2017*?
3. In the past 12 months, how many persons have been transported to a sobering up shelter by Northern Territory Police?
4. How many on-duty hours have been taken by Northern Territory Police accompanying persons to a sobering up shelter?
5. When a person is transported by Northern Territory Police to a sobering up shelter, what information is collected on that person by police?
6. What, if any, information is collected on behalf of the Northern Territory Government on persons transported by police to a sobering up shelter?
7. What information, if any, is shared by the non-government operators of sobering up shelters with the Northern Territory Police?
8. How many times in the past 12 months have Northern Territory Police been called to respond to incidents occurring at a sobering up shelter or within 500 metres of a sobering up shelter?