

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**WRITTEN QUESTION**

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to Minister for Justice and Attorney General

Summary Prosecutions Figures

1. In reference to the Justice Annual Report, the figures for the work of Summary prosecutions show an increase in the number of files of 1100 between 2002/2003 and 2003/2004 in Darwin. Isn't it the case that the reason for this increase is that there is more crime.
2. How can the number of cases increase without there being no increase in crime.
3. The Director said in his report that Summary Prosecutions figures in Alice Springs 'highlight the urgent need for a permanent staff increase with a 19% increase in new files...' How can crime be going down when there are figures like this.
4. Shouldn't Territorians trust those figures more than the ones coming from your office.

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