



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 5

## WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Guyula to the Minister for Corporate and Digital Development, Hon Joshua Burgoyne MLA:

### Current fines

1. Please advise of the number of people that currently have unpaid fines in excess of \$15,000.

Individuals	Bodies Corporate	Total
797	29	826

2. Please advise of the number of people that currently have unpaid fines ranging from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

Individuals	Bodies Corporate	Total
1,140	20	1,160

3. Please advise of the number of people that currently have unpaid fines ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Individuals	Bodies Corporate	Total
4,028	91	4,119

4. Please advise of the number of people that currently have unpaid fines ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,000.

Individuals	Bodies Corporate	Total
8,491	411	8,902

5. Please advise of the number of people that currently have unpaid fines ranging from \$250 to \$2,000.

Individuals	Bodies Corporate	Total
47,235	1,516	48,751

6. Please advise of the number of people who currently have overdue and unpaid fines ranging from \$0 to \$250.

Individuals	Bodies Corporate	Total
27,478	599	28,077

## Notes

1. Total figures include individuals with active court-issued Warrants of Commitment, being persons whom a Territory court has ordered to serve imprisonment in default of payment pursuant to s 26(2) of the *Sentencing Act 1995* (NT). By serving a term of imprisonment calculated on their total owing, those people would “pay off” their fines.

The Fines Recovery Unit is unable to take enforcement action against these people who have active court-issued Warrants of Commitment against their debts. However these individuals could opt to pay their fines to the Fines Recovery Unit in order to avoid going to prison.

People with active court-issued Warrants of Commitment are highly represented in the ranges of \$10,000 to \$15,000 and exceeding \$15,000. Many of those people are foreign nationals found guilty of Commonwealth fisheries offences.

Many of those people are likely to have active Warrants for a long period of time, for example, as they may have returned to their home country and the Warrant is unable to be enforced.