



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 193

WRITTEN QUESTION

J Davis to the Minister for Corrections, Hon Gerard Maley MLA:

Watch houses and Prisoners on Remand

As of 5 February 2025, how many people are being held on remand in police watch houses in Darwin City, Palmerston, Tennant Creek, Katherine and Alice Springs?

Answer

Police watch houses in the Northern Territory except for the Darwin Transitional Centre (Darwin City) – are operated and managed by the Northern Territory Police Force, and do not fall under the authority of the Minister for Corrections. The Darwin Transitional Centre is jointly managed by NT Police and G4S on behalf of the Department of Corrections.

Accordingly, the number of prisoners or detainees held in Police watch houses is a matter for the Minister for Police, and detailed figures should be sought from NT Police as the responsible agency.

As of 5 February 2026, there were 25 prisoners held in the Darwin Transitional Centre and 1 prisoner from that centre held in the Royal Darwin Hospital under guard from G4S.