



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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## WRITTEN QUESTION

J Davis to the Minister for Police, Hon Lia Finocchiaro MLA:

### **Specialist police training**

- 1. What is the budget for specialist training including Domestic, Family, and Sexual Violence and cross-cultural training and language learning?**

The associated costs for specialist police training are absorbed into broader Northern Territory Police Force (NTPF) workforce development budgets, making it difficult to isolate specific budget allocations for each training component.

- 2. What is the budget for specialist training to deal with complex mental health?**

Similar to question 1, the budget for mental health training is embedded within NTPF broader training initiatives and is not allocated as a distinct budget line to be able to provide specific budget allocations.

- a. Has this policy been revisited or are there plans to revisit it following the recent death of an Aboriginal man in police custody in Alice Springs?**

The NTPF acknowledges the seriousness of any death in custody and is committed to continuous improvement in policy, training, and operational practices. Programs are routinely reviewed and updated to reflect emerging best practices and lessons learned from critical incidents, including deaths in custody.

While outcomes of internal reviews or coronial investigations and subsequent recommendations may influence future decisions, the organisation remains proactive in reviewing training content related to complex mental health, cultural safety, and duty of care responsibilities.