LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 335

WRITTEN QUESTION

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

Road Safety Fatalities, Targets and Speed Limits

1. Budget Paper No. 3 for 2026–27 reports, in the Northern Territory Police Force agency statement, the measure “road deaths per 100,000 registered vehicles” at 33 for 2025–26 against a target of no more than 14, and the measure “motor vehicle crash victims admitted to hospital” at 11 per cent against a target of no more than 8 per cent. The target for each measure is unchanged for 2026–27.

    a. How many road deaths occurred in the Northern Territory in each of 2023–24, 2024–25 and 2025–26, and what was the rate per 100,000 registered vehicles in each of those years?

    b. What accounts for the 2025–26 rate being more than twice the target?

    c. On what basis was the 2026–27 target set at the same level as a target exceeded by that margin, and what is expected to change to achieve it?

    d. Which agency and which Minister is accountable for that measure and its target?

    e. Why is the target expressed as a rate above zero rather than as the elimination of road deaths, and has a target of zero been considered?

2. The answer to Written Question No. 135 of the 15th Assembly stated that in the Northern Territory pedestrian fatalities are most commonly linked to factors such as intoxication and rough sleeping.

    a. In what proportion of pedestrian fatalities in 2025–26 was intoxication recorded as a contributing factor, and in what proportion was the deceased recorded as sleeping rough?

b. If those factors are not recorded against individual fatalities, in which system is contributing-factor information for road fatalities held?

3. That study found that “The odds of a pedestrian crash resulting in a fatality on NT roads increases by 3.3% for every 1km/h increase in designated road speed” and maps the locations at which pedestrian crashes concentrate. In which system or dataset are pedestrian crash locations recorded, and in what format is that data maintained?