

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE
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To: Hon Natasha Fyles

Portfolio: Chief Minister

Agency: Chief Minister & Cabinet

Subject: Funding for private security agencies

QUESTION

How much in total is the government spending on private security agencies to patrol areas of the Northern Territory? Which agencies are responsible for overseeing, administering and paying for those security agencies? What areas are currently being patrolled by private security? Does that extend to Alice Springs? Are they benefiting from having government pay for private security in the Alice Springs CBD?

ANSWER

The Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet has established contracts with private security companies to undertake patrols in both the Darwin and Alice Springs CBDs.

For the period 1 July 2021 to 31 March 2022:

- the total cost of the Darwin CBD patrols was \$659 476. The City of Darwin provided a \$200 000 contribution towards these costs.
- the total cost of the Alice Springs CBD patrols was \$242 000.

In addition, to these contracted patrols, a grant of \$86 000 was provided for private security patrols for the Bundilla Beach area.