

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

### WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Yan to the Minister for Health:

#### **Search and Seizure Powers**

Under Section 53 of the Public and Environmental Health Act 2011, authorized officers have search and seizure powers, as well as the ability to enter a place without a warrant. Recent legislative changes grant these same powers in the “post-emergency” period under Section 57G.

1. In the period between 23 March 2020 and 19 April 2022, how many times did an authorised officer as defined by the Public and Environmental Health Act 2011, enter a place without a warrant in accordance with Section 53? Please specify the reasons for this.
2. In the same period, how many times did an authorised officer as defined by the Public and Environmental Health Act 2011, search a place or seize a thing in accordance with Section 53? Please specify the reason for this.
3. Since 19 April 2022, how many times did an authorised officer as defined by the Public and Environmental Health Act 2011, enter a place without a warrant in accordance with Section 57G? Please specify the reasons for this.
4. In the same period, how many times did an authorised officer as defined by the Public and Environmental Health Act 2011, search a place or seize a thing in accordance with Section 57G? Please specify the reason for this.