LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Purick to the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services

Police Officers Disciplinary actions

1. How many police officers were suspended with pay as at 1 October 2023, and for how long?

Two officers. Commencement dates of suspensions are 25 March 2022, and 16 March 2023.

2. How many police officers were suspended without pay as at 1 October 2023, and for how long?

Nil

3. How many police officers were awaiting disciplinary appeals to be heard as at 1 October 2023?

Seven officers.

4. How long have each of these appeals been waiting to be heard?

In respect of the seven officers whom have lodged an appeal, the dates of their appeals being lodged are as follows:

19/10/2021 15/03/2023 10/04/2023 11/04/2023 07/08/2023 25/08/2023 18/09/2023 27/09/2023

5. What was the date of the last sitting of the Disciplinary Appeal Board?

There is no 'standing' disciplinary appeals board.

6. Who are the people on the panel approved for appointment as Chairman of the Appeal Board?

The current approved panel consists of; David Sweet, Tass Liveris, and Duncan McConnel.

7. Who are the people on the panel approved for appointment as another person on the Disciplinary Appeal Board?

Commander Kylie Anderson Commander Daniel Bacon Commander Hege Ronning-Burns Assistant Commissioner Martin Dole Superintendent Kirsten Engels Superintendent Lauren Hill Commander Matthew Hollamby Commander James O'Brien Commander James O'Brien Commander Janelle Tonkin Assistant Commissioner Michael White Assistant Commissioner Travis Wurst

Former Assistant Commissioner Bruce Porter

8. What is the schedule of sitting dates for the Disciplinary Appeal Board?

There is no 'standing' appeals board and as such there is no schedule of sitting dates. A new board needs to be formed for each matter and may comprise different individuals. In respect of the outstanding matters boards have yet to be identified and formerly appointed.

9. If an officer is suspended with pay, are superannuation payments continued to be paid? If not, why not?

Yes, an officer suspended with pay continues to receive superannuation payments.

10. If an officer is suspended without pay, are superannuation payments continued to be paid. If not, why not?

No, an officer suspended without pay does not receive superannuation payments. This is the case as superannuation payments represent a percentage of earnings and once the officer is no longer earning an income, superannuation payments cease.