

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

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Portfolio: Minister for Police

Agency: NT Police

Subject: Police assaulted

QUESTION

Of the 299 police who were assaulted year to date:

- i) how many police were assaulted;
- ii) how many of the instances of assault involved spitting or biting;
- iii) how many instances of assault involved any weapon, whether it be controlled, prohibited or offensive weapon;
- iv) and any other assaults.

ANSWER

Please Note:

- **The amount of 299 represents offences of “Assault Police” and NOT the number of police who were assaulted.**
- **Of these 299 offences there are 26 which have not yet been coded for weapon type and are not included in the counts below for answers ii) through iv).**
 - i) The number of distinct police members assaulted is 212.
 - ii) Offence weapon types are grouped according to national coding standards, including Bodily Fluids and Bodily Force.
 - Spitting is grouped within Bodily Fluids.
 - There were 56 occasions where Bodily Fluids (eg, spit, blood) were used during an assault on police.
 - Biting is grouped within Bodily Force, which includes physical strikes from a person (ie, hitting, kicking, punching, slapping etc). There is no way to isolate biting incidents through offence data.
 - There were 114 occasions where an assault on police involved Bodily Force.
 - iii) There were 40 offences involving any type of weapon other than Bodily Fluids and Bodily Strike, with a further six offences where an *Implied Weapon* was used.
 - iv) Unable to determine question.