

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Higgins to the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services:

Urban / Rural / Remote Definitions

1. Please advise the definition of 'urban', 'rural' and 'remote' for police stations in the Northern Territory.
2. What is this based on?
3. Are police officers and auxiliary staff employment conditions classified the same as the police station where they are employed?

ANSWERS:

1. Stations classed as urban: Darwin, Casuarina, Palmerston and Humpty Doo.

Stations classed as regional: Alice Springs, Tennant Creek and Katherine.

Stations / Police Posts classed as remote: Generally any police stations or posts outside of the above areas.

2. Remote in general is defined by a location having very restricted accessibility to goods, services and opportunities for social interaction. There are various isolated policing group categories. The Northern Territory Police Consent Agreement 2017 states:

The Commissioner, in consultation with the Commissioner for Public Employment and the Northern Territory Police Association, may vary the localities deemed as isolated locations from time-to-time.

3. Although Police Officers and Auxiliary Officers have differing terms and conditions of employment, both are entitled to the allowances attached to their posted location, whether this be urban, regional or remote.