

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

### WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Lambley to the Minister for Police, Fire & Emergency Services:

#### Point of Sale Interventions (POSIs)

1. How many Police have been physically assaulted whilst standing outside of Bottle Shops, performing the Temporary Beat Locations (TBLs) and Point of Sale Interventions (POSIs) role, since the inception of this service in 2012 in:
    - Alice Springs
    - Tennant Creek and
    - Katherine
  2. Please provide details of each of these incidents of assaults against POSIs.
    - Where did the incident occur?
    - When did the incident occur – time and date?
    - What was the nature and extent of the assault and injuries of the Police?
  3. What strategies are employed to ensure the safety of POSIs?
  4. Will the Police Auxiliaries be permanently placed outside of Bottle Shops in Alice Springs, Tennant Creek and Katherine – once recruited and trained to perform the POSI role?
  5. When will the Police Auxiliaries be ready to perform the Point of Sale Interventions (POSIs) role?
  6. Will the deployment of Police Auxiliaries performing the POSI role, be a discretionary or “operational decision” of the Police Commissioner, like the current deployment of Police performing the POSI role?
  7. What is the Government’s policy on Police Point of Sale Interventions (POSIs)?
  8. Is the Government committed to maintaining Police Point of Sale Interventions (POSIs) in Alice Springs, Katherine and Tennant Creek?
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## ANSWERS:

1. There is no automated method of extracting data for assaults on police specifically performing point of sale intervention (POSI) duties.
2. Refer to Answer 1.
3. **Training** – all officers attending to POSI duties (regardless of whether they are constable, Aboriginal Community Police Officer or Police Auxiliary Liquor Inspector (PALI)) are trained in operational safety and use of force.

**Equipment** – all officers on POSI duties carry police accoutrements to enhance and minimise risk to their personal safety.

**Supervision** – all officers on POSI duties have a nominated supervisor for the shift.

**Rapid Response** – a dedicated patrol (of constables) is on duty to respond to calls for assistance from a POSI. It also facilitates respite for members at POSI for meal and comfort breaks.

**Concept of Operations** – a concept is being finalised to articulate a consistent approach to POSI.

**Operational Risk Register** – a risk register has been established pursuant to the Australian Standard: Risk Management Framework Standard ISO 31000:2009.

4. It is intended to utilise PALIs at bottle shops in Alice Springs, Tennant Creek and Katherine. When all positions are filled, it is envisaged there will be a PALI at all bottle shops.
5. PALI Squad 55 commenced training on 28 May 2018 and is due to graduate on 17 August. PALI Squad 56 is due to graduate in December. Pali Squad 58 is due to graduate in April next year.
6. The deployment of POSIs is a command decision for the NTPF.
7. The Government is funding 75 PALIs because it is an important element of the Riley Review recommendations.
8. Yes.