

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**WRITTEN QUESTION**

Mr Burgoyne to the Minister for Police:

**NT Police Dog Operations Unit**

For all questions below, please provide a breakdown across all regions – Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek, Alice Springs and Gove:

1. Please advise the current number of operational dogs in each region.
2. How many dogs are currently managed by the Dog Operations Unit in each region? If possible, please provide answers across 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23.
3. How many handlers are currently employed to team with the dogs in each region? If possible, please provide answers across 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23.
4. How many operational dogs were bred in each region?
5. How many operational dogs were trained in each region?
6. For those not bred or trained in each region, what was the cost per dog?
7. Please advise if the dogs are currently used to assist in situations other than for the purpose of drug detection. Please give details.
8. How many patrols are currently carried out in each region with the dogs? Please provide the time of day and the locations where this occurs. If possible, please provide answers across 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23.
9. Please advise the budget for each Operations Unit and the total annual cost across 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23.