

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

### WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Lambley to Chief Minister:

#### **Todd Mall Security**

1. How does the foot patrol operate in the Todd Mall?
2. What are the requirements of this patrol under the contract?
3. What hours does the patrol operate?
4. Who do the officers report incidents to?
5. What is their relationship with Police?
6. How many CCTV cameras operate in the Todd Mall?
7. Who monitors those CCTV cameras?
8. In the last 12 months – how many crimes have been prevented as a result of the CCTV?
9. In the last 12 months – how often has the footage from these cameras been used as evidence in crimes?
10. Is there any discussion afoot to bring back the monitoring of the CCTV cameras to Alice Springs and to have local Alice Springs people monitoring these cameras?

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1. Todd Mall uses independent security contractor, Talice Security Services (TSS). The Northern Territory Police Force is unable to comment on TSS operations and procedure within the Mall. But Talice have a close working relationship with Police and attend Police briefings on the Mall. Additionally, Northern Territory Police also conduct regular foot patrols in the Mall plus hot-spot patrols.
  2. As above.
  3. As above.

4. Any incidents warranting police involvement are reported through regular police reporting channels via the Joint Emergency Service Communications Centre (JESCC).
5. The security staff have a positive and interactive relationship with police, often attending the station to discuss trends to assist in their concentrated patrols on evening shifts.
6. There are currently five cameras that operate within the Todd Mall that are both operator-controlled and have a large field of vision.
7. These cameras are monitored by CCTV Operators from the JESCC located in the Peter McAulay Centre, Berrimah.
8. CCTV operators regularly request and / or direct police patrols based on live observations to disrupt criminal behaviour, however the amount of crimes prevented is unknown and difficult to quantify.

Nonetheless, it is apparent that the presence of CCTV is, in itself, a powerful disincentive to potential offenders.

9. Six exhibits have been retained for incidents in the Todd Mall to be used as evidence in current investigations, however this does not include real-time footage used to track offenders or direct units to persons of interest as per question 8.
10. There is a monitoring station located at the Alice Springs Police Station. Alice Springs police members have the ability to monitor all cameras in the Alice Springs Police CCTV network.