



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services

Reference: ACT Policing

Hearing: 20 November 2025

In relation to: Reduction of Priority One incidents in Tuggeranong since 2019

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Answer Due: 08/12/2025

What are the reasons for the steady reduction of Priority One Incidents reduction in life threatening or time-critical situations in Tuggeranong since at least 2019?

Dr Marisa PATERSON MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

In 2024-25, a total of 105 Priority One Incidents were attended by ACT Policing across Canberra. This is a 26.1 per cent decrease compared to the previous financial year, and a 45.88 per cent decrease since 2019-20. Furthermore, in 2024-25 ACT Policing attended seven Priority One Incidents in the Tuggeranong patrol zone, representing 6.67 per cent of the overall total for Canberra.

The decline in Priority One Incidents attended by ACT Policing in 2024-25 can be attributed to a decline in 'offender(s) on premises' incidents, in 2023-24 these represented 80 per cent of Priority One Incidents attended by officers. In contrast, they represented just 67.6 per cent of the Priority One Incidents attended by ACT Policing in 2024-25. Relatedly, reported burglaries of dwellings and shops also declined substantially by 24 per cent in 2024-25 and by 30 per cent 2023-24 which can be at least partially attributed to targeting by ACT Policing Operation MINLATION and other similar activities. The steady reduction of Priority One Incidents in Tuggeranong is consistent with the overall decline across the ACT.

ACT Policing attributes this downward trend in Priority One incidents to a combination of factors, including enhanced community engagement initiatives, targeted crime prevention strategies, and increased operational visibility of police within the Tuggeranong area and across Canberra. ACT Policing has focused on proactive measures such as early intervention and collaborative work with local organisations, which is believed to be contributing to a safer environment and reducing the frequency of life-threatening or time-critical callouts. These efforts complement the broader decline

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in serious incidents observed throughout the ACT, demonstrating the effectiveness of ongoing strategic policing and community partnerships.

Additionally, the Police Ambulance Clinician Emergency Response (PACER) capability, delivered through the Mental Health, Emergency, Ambulance and Police Collaboration, has contributed to a steady reduction in Priority One incidents involving life-threatening or time-critical situations in Tuggeranong by providing rapid, multidisciplinary support for people in acute mental health crisis, enabling safer interventions and reducing escalation.

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By the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services, Dr Marisa Paterson MLA