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NTPA Announces Uniform Ballot Outcome

"A majority of members of the NT Police Association have supported a change in the NT Police Uniform including the colour", NT President Vince Kelly announced this afternoon

"The ballot was conducted in relation to a number of recommendations* of the Police Uniform Review Committee established by Commissioner McRoberts.

"This committee was established following representations by our Association in relation to the operational suitability of the current uniform.

"A total of 75% of our members voted. A total of 94% of these members supported a change to the uniform. A total of 60% supported a change in colour to blue.

"I must emphasise our Association has never advocated for, or requested, a change from Khaki.

"Similarly, we did not try to influence the outcome of this ballot.

"We have consistently advocated for the introduction of a uniform that is practical for operational members and that enhances member safety.

"Our Association has been very mindful of the shared historical, personal, and cultural significance of khaki uniforms to individual members, the organisation, and the broader community.

"As a democratic organisation we accept the views of the majority of our members.

"The Commissioner of Police has previously indicated he will also accept the results of the ballot.

"While our Association is supportive of this approach we do accept that the government, opposition and community will have a view on this matter.

"It is now a matter for the Commissioner to advise our members and the community of the next steps.

"Our Association will continue to work with the Commissioner to ensure that our uniform is practical and improves member safety.

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*The following are the ballot questions asked:-

1. *Would you like to retain the current NT Police Force khaki uniform or change to the material and design of the uniform recommended by the Police Uniform Committee?*

Retain/Change

2. *If there is a change to the material and design, what is your preferred colour for a new NT Police Force uniform?*

Khaki/Blue