

high-risk silica processes and all materials, including engineered stone, across all industries. This includes additional training requirements and a requirement to conduct air monitoring, report workplace exposure, exceedances to the relevant regulator and scope new and updated codes of practice for at-risk industries in developing safe work practices.

These decisions are good. We expect a report to be finalised within the next six months. The Commonwealth will explore a ban on engineered stone including consultation with states, territories and stakeholders. This is good news for workers across the Territory and Australia.

The Territory Labor government will always protect workers across the Northern Territory because we are the party of workers, unlike those opposite, who put profits before people. We will make sure that the regulatory systems are strong and protect hardworking tradies against this emerging trend of silicosis.

Mr PAECH (Leader of Government Business): Mr Speaker, I ask that further questions be placed on the Written Question Paper.

TRESPASS BILL (Serial 79)

Continued from 15 February 2023.

Mr EDGINGTON (Barkly): Mr Speaker, the Trespass Bill is just another in a long line of legislation that tinkers around the edges of our crime crisis. When you take a moment to look at the detail and practical implications, it will do nothing to tackle crime in the Territory. In fact, it is likely to make things worse.

There is no question that small businesses, retailers and shopping centres are bearing a disproportionate burden of the crime crisis. The tragic, unnecessary and heartbreaking death of 20-year-old Declan Lavery at the hands of a 19-year-old attacker with a knife on Sunday night is a shocking example of how workers are almost constantly under threat. This is not new. The type of weapons the government describes as edged weapons are what people in the real world know as knives, machetes and swords. These attacks happen every day.

Last night a man allegedly armed with an edged weapon was charged with assaulting a worker at the Loading Bay bar in Austin Lane, just days after a young man lost his life at a licensed premises. Something must change.

Last week a truck driver was doing his job recovering a vehicle for police in Alice Springs. He was hit in the eye with a rock. He could be left permanently blind, taking away his livelihood. Something must change.

A few weeks ago, a 16-year-old was taken to the watch house and charged with going armed in public after allegedly threatening people on Moray Street. Something must change; it is just not good enough.

In Tennant Creek over the last few weeks, rocks were thrown at the buses. The Memo Club bus is off the road. The Tennant Creek town bus service had windows smashed. A cafe has been broken into three times over the last few months, and staff of that cafe have been threatened.

In late February, a 31-year-old was arrested after breaking into a home in Darwin and assaulting the resident with—you guessed it—an edged weapon. Something has to change.

A few days earlier, a 29-year-old entered a store on Westralia Street in Stuart Park and threatened an employee with an edged weapon before stealing alcohol and fleeing the scene. Something has to change.

A few days before that, an 18-year-old was arrested for aggravated robbery at Casuarina, armed with—you guessed it—an edged weapon. Something must change.

I could go on for hours with examples of armed attacks and still would not list all the incidents from the last few months.

In a recently conducted Property Council survey, a whopping 30% of workers had been physically assaulted at some point in the past year. What more evidence does the government need that something must change?

Workers are terrified to go to work. That is not the Territory in which I want to live. It is a Territory that nobody wants to live in, with boarded-up windows, vacant shops in Tennant Creek and Alice Springs and shop