

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**WRITTEN QUESTION**

Mr Gerard Maley to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics:

**Darwin and Palmerston Public Bus Services**

**Questions:**

1. Please provide current data available for the number of passengers per route per day on all Darwin and Palmerston bus routes?
2. Have these numbers been increasing over time? Can you provide data supporting the growing number of public use of our buses?
3. Please provide total revenue from Darwin and Palmerston bus services for the financial year 21/22?
4. What is the average cost of a bus fare?
5. How much have bus fares increased over the past 5 years?
6. Please provide a breakdown of the total revenue in (\$) on each of the key Darwin/Palmerston routes in the financial year 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022?
7. What if any additional funding does the NT Government chip in to supplement the commercial viability of the Darwin Bus Service?
8. Are all Darwin Bus Service buses maintained solely by the CDC Contractor or does the NT Government retain some operational maintenance of buses at the Stuart Park depot?
9. It was recently reported that equipment used on buses to collect fares has been out of operation and some fares have not been able to be collected. How long have the machines been out of operation?
10. Have there been any routes where no fares have been collected?
11. What is the estimated loss of revenue during that period?
12. When is the new system going to be up and running to enable all bus fares to be collected?