

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Higgins to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics:

Public Bus Services

1. In the 2017/18 Budget \$365,000 was set aside for the “incorporation of the Palmerston Regional Hospital into the Territory’s urban bus network”. In this year’s Budget (BP2, p92) the estimate for 17/18 is \$370,000 and the 18/19 Budget is for \$370,000. Is all this funding for operating the bus service or is it for infrastructure to allow for a bus service to the hospital?
2. If it is funding for operating a bus service, does that mean that currently there is a public bus running out to the Palmerston Regional Hospital? If so, which route is it travelling?
3. If not, how soon will a bus services be set up at the PRH?
4. There is \$1.6M allocated for “bus network safety and security” – what will that cover? Given the increase in recent times of violent behavior on our buses, what other measures are in place to ensure the safety of drivers and passengers? Are there plans to increase those measures?
5. How many public buses are there across the Northern Territory?