

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

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

**Transit Safety Officers**

- 1. How many Transit Safety Officers are currently employed in the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL)?**

There are 18 positions within the Transit Safety Unit.

- 2. What level are each of these positions?**

1x SAO1	Manager Transit Safety
1x AO7	Assistant Manager
2x AO6R	Senior Transit Officers
14x AO5R	Transit Officers

- 3. Are there currently any vacant positions pending recruitment?**

Yes.

- 4. What is the average turnover of these positions?**

The average staff turnover since 2017 has been 1.6 per year in the Transit Safety Unit.

- 5. Has the Transit Safety Unit contracted out any work due to staff shortages?**

No, however, the Department contracts static security guards who are stationed at bus interchanges.

- 6. If so, to what extent?**

Not applicable.

- 7. How much is the 2021/22 salaries budget for the Transit Safety Unit?**

The total personnel budget for the Transit Safety Unit is \$2 567 000.

- 8. What was the actual salaries expenditure for the Transit Safety Unit in 2019/20 and 2020/21?**

2019-20 - \$2 610 419  
2020-21 - \$2 623 361

**9. What was the total budget for the Transit Safety Unit in 2019/20 and 2020/21?**

2019-20 - \$1 536 000

2020-21 - \$2 816 000

**10. What was the total expenditure for the Transit Safety Unit for 2019/20?**

2019-20 - \$2 961 542

**11. Are there any plans to increase the number of Transit Safety Officers given recent increase in anti-social behaviour on public buses across the network?**

The Department will continue to prioritise expenditure to enable maximum capacity in this important function.

**12. How will Transit Safety Officers be enabled to improve the safety of bus drivers and passengers over the next 2 years?**

Legislative changes in 2022 to the *Public Transport (Passenger Safety) Act 2008* can be viewed via the [Legislation Database \(nt.gov.au\)](https://www.legislation.gov.au).