

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**WRITTEN QUESTION**

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

**NTG Funded Private Security on Public Transport**

- 1. How many private security officers are currently being employed for public transport – NT wide?**

27 security officers are currently engaged to provide security for the public transport network.

- 2. What security firms are supplying these officers?**

Wilson Security Pty Ltd.

- 3. Was each a select tender or an open tender?**

An open tender process was undertaken.

- 4. Have there been any variations to the tenders? If so, how many and what is the cost of these variations?**

As at 30 June 2023, there were 13 variations to this contract that relate to public transport.

- 5. What hours and days do these private security officers operate?**

Security guards operate over a range and time during both and day and night, seven days a week to meet operational security requirements of the bus network.

- 6. Are there any dog patrols employed? If so, how many and for which locations?**

There are no dog patrols employed.

**7. How much does it cost monthly to have these private security officers employed for public transport?**

Refer to response 10

**8. When did these private security operators commence working on public transport?**

The private security officers under the current contract, commenced on 1 August 2021, for platform security guards and afterhours patrols at Interchanges. The on-board bus security officers commenced on 1 November 2022.

**9. Were any incidents referred to police by the security officers in the last financial year? If so, how many and can you provide a breakdown by offence committed and by location?**

17 incidents have been referred to Police to in the 2022-23 year.

<b>Palmerston</b>	<b>14</b>
Medical incident	3
Weapon	2
Violence	9
<b>Casuarina</b>	<b>1</b>
Violence	1
<b>Darwin</b>	<b>2</b>
Medical incident	1
Violence	1

**10. How much has the NTG spent on private security on public transport in total in the last financial year 2022/23 with a month-by-month breakdown by location?**

From 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023, the NT Government has invested \$1.949 million in the safety of Territorians, having listened to the community and acted to address matters raised regarding the public transport network.

**11. How much of these costs were paid in overtime for private security officers on public transport in total in the last financial year 2022/23? Please supply a month-by-month breakdown by location.**

Overtime payment are managed by the contractor.