

## **ESTIMATES COMMITTEE**

### **Question Taken on Notice**

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**From:** Mr Joshua Burgoyne

**To:** Hon Kate Worden

**Portfolio:** Territory Families & Urban Housing

**Agency:** Territory Families, Housing and Communities

**Subject:** Youth bus services in Alice Springs

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#### **QUESTION**

For the last financial year 2019–20 can we please have the number of youths who use the Tangentyere bus service, the Territory Families bus service and any other bus service that is directly funded through Territory Families in Alice Springs.

#### **ANSWER**

This relates to the bus service and return youth home. The question was, for the last financial year 2019-2020 what is the number of youth using the Tangentyere bus, the Territory Families bus service and any other bus service that is directly funded by Territory Families, Housing and Communities. The answer is the Tangentyere Night and Youth Patrol are substantively funded by the Commonwealth Government National Indigenous Australian Agency NIAA. In 2019-2020 the Northern Territory Government funded this service \$210,000 through the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet.

This funding supported 23 additional hours per week predominantly on a Sunday and Monday night. From 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 this service provided a total of 9,820 unique transportations of young people. Of this the Northern Territory Government funding could be attributed to approximately 3,171 unique transportations of young people.

There were no Territory Family fun bus services in Alice Springs during 2019-2020. Territory Families, Housing and Communities funds the Gap Youth and Community Centre to run an after-hours youth service which includes transportation home of young people that attend the activities run at their centre. There is no data collected on specific transportations, however attendance figures for this service in 2019-2020 totally 16,488 unique attendances and from my observations last week, most of those kids go home and rely on that bus service at the end of the evening.