

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr 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.**

This question is broad with no date range provided.

- 2. Have these numbers been increasing over time? Can you provide data supporting the growing number of public use of our buses?**

Refer to response 1.

- 3. Please provide total revenue from Darwin and Palmerston bus services for the financial year 21/22?**

\$1,346,012.

- 4. What is the average cost of a bus fare?**

This information can be found at [Bus tickets and fares | NT.GOV.AU](https://www.nt.gov.au/transport/buses/tickets-and-fares)

- 5. How much have bus fares increased over the past 5 years?**

Bus fares have not 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?**

Key routes have not been defined.

- 7. What if any additional funding does the NT Government chip in to supplement the commercial viability of the Darwin Bus Service?**

The provision of public bus services is provided through a service contract.

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?

The Contractor is solely responsible for the maintenance of all buses provided under their bus service contract, including the 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?

Replacement of the ticketing machines is underway.

10. Have there been any routes where no fares have been collected?

For the rest of the year, residents and visitors to Alice Springs and Darwin will be able to use the public bus networks free of charge.

Over the next few months, 100 new ticketing machines will be installed on public buses, providing a more useable and reliable system for bus passengers.

11. What is the estimated loss of revenue during that period?

No revenue will be collected throughout waiver period.

12. When is the new system going to be up and running to enable all bus fares to be collected?

The new ticketing system is expected to be operational by January 2023.