

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

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

Public Transport Safety

Questions:

- 1. What was the cost of delivering Transit Security to public bus services during the past year?**

The cost to deliver Transit Security to public bus services in the 2021-22 financial year was \$3.039 million.

- 2. How long on average does it take for a Transit Security vehicle to attend an on-board incident?**

This data is not recorded.

- 3. How often was the performance of the Transit Safety unit reviewed during 2021-22?**

Management and the performance of the Transit Safety Unit is conducted on a daily basis. There is a dedicated manager and assistant manager that provides overarching guidance and management of the unit.

- 4. What budget funding has been committed to increasing security at Darwin and Palmerston bus stops and interchanges?**

Increased security is funded from the broader Transport Safety units overall budget, as required from time to time.

- 5. The public have made reports that security guards are not doing their job adequately, and children are not feeling safe. Have you heard these reports and what is being done?**

Where an issue is raised in regards to the performance of the contracted security officers, it is brought to the contractor's attention to address in a timely manner.

6. How many antisocial incidents have been reported on public transport in the last year (1 July 2021 to 31 May 2022)?

There have been 8311 antisocial incidents reported for the period 1 July 2021 to 31 May 2022.

7. This same period last year there were 7,650 antisocial incidents reported. What analysis has been undertaken on the increase/decrease in these incidents?

The Transit Safety Unit work closely with the NT Police and report to them on a weekly basis on the number of incidents recorded on the bus network. This assists with determining hot spots that the Police and Transit Safety can address.

8. How many of these incidents resulted in criminal charges?

Unknown. Once an incident is handed over to Police it becomes a Police matter and Transit Safety have no further involvement other than statements, CCTV and Body Worn Camera footage, and court attendance if required.

9. What percentage of these incidents were responded to by Transit Safety Officers and what percentage by Police?

The data is not recorded.

10. How many people have been excluded from travelling on the Darwin Bus Service?

The new banning system has recently been implemented and the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics is in the process of actioning the ban notices.

11. How were these people excluded and for how long did the exclusion last?

Please refer to Question 10.

12. How many people are currently under exclusion from the Darwin Bus Service?

Please refer to Question 10.

13. How many trespass orders were issued to these excluded?

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