

Question on Notice

No. 369

Asked on 18 April 2023

MR M CRANDON ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to TransLink bus services operating in the Inala region—

Will the Minister provide the separate number of Protective Security Officers, Senior Protective Security Officers and private security guards currently deployed on buses or at bus stops on a Friday night?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Coomera for the question.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is committed to providing an efficient and integrated public transport network, while ensuring safety for passengers and frontline transport workers.

TMR has been working closely with all stakeholders to enhance safety and security across the network. The Palaszczuk Government is investing \$60.7 million over the next five years to deploy additional network officers and provide further police assistance on public transport. Our new Network Officer strategy will provide an overwhelming increase to our frontline transport force. Almost \$4 million is also being invested in rolling out more full bus driver barriers across the public transport network. Since 17 March 2023, there have been a minimum of four senior protective security officers and up to four Translink senior network officers (SNOs) deployed to the Inala interchange and surrounding services and stops each night.

TMR's delivery partner, Brisbane City Council, has additional arrangements with private security with the deployment of rapid response vehicles and up to four private security guards at a range of times and locations on Friday night across the Inala region.

The Palaszczuk Government is investing record levels of funding to deliver a reliable, safe, and accessible passenger transport system right across Queensland.