

**Question on Notice**

**No. 689**

**Asked on 25 May 2023**

**MR R STEVENS** ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS AND MINISTER FOR DIGITAL SERVICES (HON M BAILEY)—

**QUESTION:**

Will the Minister advise the 2022–23 budgeted amount for the provision of private security staff and Protective Services staff on Translink services together with the actual cost to date?

**ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for Mermaid Beach for the question.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) does not hire private security to operate on its network, therefore, there is no budgeted amount for the provision of private security staff on Translink services. However, some delivery partners may employ their own security to complement the work of TMR officers. This is funded through commercial-in-confidence service contracts.

TMR has been working closely with all stakeholders to enhance safety and security on select bus routes through several safety initiatives. TMR partners with the Queensland Police Service's Protective Services group to provide a security response through the use of Senior Protective Service officers (SPSOs). SPSOs have legislative powers which private security do not have, which enables SPSOs to help prevent anti-social behaviour on the public transport network. The budget and actual cost to date associated with these services is commercial-in-confidence.