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Dear Chair

**APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 2024**

Thank you for your letter of 25 September 2024 requesting additional information following examination of my portfolio by the Legislative Council Select Budget Estimates Committee A.

**Department of State Growth**

**Output Group 2 – Infrastructure and Transport Services  
2.3 Passenger Transport**

**Q1. What is the weekly cost of security officers on Metro buses?**

The weekly cost for deploying security officers on metropolitan and regional public bus services delivered by all general access operators in Southern Tasmania is approximately \$21,530 (excluding GST). This allows for coverage across five days per week, including Saturdays, of 4-8 hours per day, per officer.

Yours sincerely

Eric Abetz MP  
**Minister for Transport**