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Mrs Miriam Beswick
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Dear Mrs Beswick,

Thank you for your Constituent Question on Thursday, 20 June 2024, asked as follows:

Does the education department have a policy around chartering buses and the requirement for whether or not they have seatbelts. We would like an update on where that is at, and whether it has been reviewed in the last two years.

I am pleased to provide the following response:

I have been advised that the Department for Education, Children and Young People does not currently have a policy around chartering buses or any related seatbelt requirements.

The matter of contracted school buses sits with the Department of State Growth.

Advice from the Department of State Growth is that currently school buses in Tasmania are not required to be fitted with seatbelts under law. However, all new small (25 seats and under) dedicated school buses that operate on government contracts are required under the terms of the contract to be fitted with seat belts.

Yours sincerely

Hon Jo Palmer MLC
Minister for Education