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Dear ~~Ms~~ Brown

In the House of Assembly on 18 March 2026, you asked the following question:

*My question comes from Leanne in Rokeby who regularly catches Metro buses with her child. She says there has been a worrying increase of antisocial and dangerous behaviour on these buses. Leanne wants to know when transit officers will be deployed on these buses and why aren't they already?*

A pilot deployment of Transit Officers in southern Tasmania has been running since April 2023 with the aim of making our bus network a safer and more attractive transport option. Transit Officers have been deployed to areas identified from incident data provided by bus operators. Transit Officers have successfully de-escalated disruptive and dangerous behaviours.

In the 2025-26 budget, the Tasmanian Government allocated \$2.38 million per annum in recurrent funding to support a wider roll-out of transit officer services across the State.

The Transit Officers deployed in the pilot are not 'authorised officers'. Transit Officers will become authorised officers when the service is expanded. A training package for transit officers was finalised and approved by the Transport Commission in August 2025 to address the unique competencies associated with the powers available to authorised officers in the *Passenger Transport Services Regulations 2023*. These powers will include the power to require a name and address, the power to direct cessation of behaviour, and the power to require movement within vehicle.

The Department of State Growth is planning to open a market tender for the expansion of Transit Officers on buses across the State network in mid-2026.

Thank you for your question and I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Hon Kerry Vincent MLC  
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport