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Member for Clark

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Dear Ms Burnet

In House on 15 April 2026, you asked the following question of the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, as recorded by Hansard:

My question is from Mary, from Lutana. She says: my son is struggling to get to Uni classes on time, because often his bus doesn't arrive. He spends longer waiting at the bus stop than the journey takes and feels anxious not being able to rely on the bus, even with GPS tracking. Because he can't rely on the buses, he ends up having to drive. What is the government doing to increase reliability and regularity of bus services and to improve the real-time tracking?

The Tasmanian Government has introduced more reliable bus timetables from Sunday, 3 May 2026, with updated schedules better reflecting travel times. These changes improve reliability, are better aligned with real time conditions and give passengers greater confidence in their bus service. Improved timetable accuracy support passengers which need to connect to other services and provide a more dependable experience for passengers.

In addition, the Government has introduced free public transport for three months through until 1 July. This will help reduce cost of living pressures for students like Mary.

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

Yours sincerely

Hon Kerry Vincent MLC
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport