Peter Chandler
Minister for Transport

Budget 2015 provides an additional $1.1 million for bus safety

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Budget 2015 commits to making bus safety a priority by providing more than $1 million in additional funding to improve security on the Greater Darwin bus network.

Minister for Transport Peter Chandler said the ongoing funding will provide for a range of enhancements that will continue to reassure commuters and restore community confidence in the Northern Territory’s public transport system.

“Measures include security patrols at interchanges, an additional Transit Safety Officer patrol team and an additional patrol vehicle,” Mr Chandler said.

“Reporting and communications technology is also being improved, along with better quality training for our drivers and CCTV enhancements on buses and at interchanges.

“Driver and passenger safety on the public bus network is a key priority for the Northern Territory Government.

“Our Government condemns all acts of violence against all workers providing services to Territorians.”

As a result of a comprehensive strategic review of the Darwin Bus Network, twenty five recommendations were approved by the Northern Territory Government for immediate implementation.

Twenty of these recommendations are now completed or are embedded in normal operations. Five have begun and will be completed during 2015.

A community awareness campaign ‘Respect your Drivers’ will be commencing in the coming months.

“We won’t stand for violence against our transport staff and urge all Territorians to ‘Respect your Drivers’," Mr Chandler said.

“All Territorians have a right to a safe, clean and comfortable public bus journey – this Government makes no apology for spending money on keeping Territorians safe.”

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