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Question:

Senator PERIS: Last time we had estimates, Minister, I asked about whether you are providing additional funding—the \$13 million—for the truancy officers program and whether you would provide funding for vehicles for transportation of the kids to school. Has anyone put any proposals to you with regard to funding for vehicles?

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Mr Fordham: That is right, Minister. At the moment we have about \$600,000 worth of vehicles on order. I could not tell you the number of vehicles already out there, but we could certainly provide the details of the audit. It is by community and by vehicle.

Senator PERIS: That would be fantastic.

Answer:

The results of the Remote School Attendance Strategy (RSAS) transport audit are at [Attachment A](#).

The audit provides a summary of what vehicles have been leased or purchased through RSAS. In some cases, vehicles are on order and expected to be delivered to communities as soon as practicable.

REMOTE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE STRATEGY TRANSPORT AUDIT BY COMMUNITY

Community	Stage one or two	Transport need identified
Northern Territory		
Epenarra	Stage 1	1 x small bus (Tennant Creek)
Alekarenge	Stage 1	1 x car (Tennant Creek)
Tennant Creek	Stage 1 & 2	1 x Toyota Hilux (Ali Curung)
Elliot	Stage 2	
Ampilatwatja	Stage 2	1 x 22 seater bus
Umbakumba	Stage 2	2 x 24 seater bus
Angurugu	Stage 2	1 x Toyota Troop Carrier
Alyangula	Stage 2	The provider also has access to RJCP/school vehicles in Umbakumba and Milyakburra
Milyakburra	Stage 2	1 x 12 seater bus 4 x Toyota Troop Carriers
Wurrimiyanga	Stage 1 & 2	2 x Hi Ace 12 seater buses
Borrooloola	Stage 1	2 x troop carriers 1 x bus
Galiwinku	Stage 1	1 x Hi Ace 14 seater bus
Gapuwiyak	Stage 1	1 x car
Kalkarindji	Stage 2	No additional transport needs have been identified at this stage
Lajamanu	Stage 1	No additional transport needs have been identified at this stage
Jilkminggan	Stage 1 & 2	1 x car 6 x 14 seater Toyota Coasters
Ngukurr		
Numbulwar		
Beswick		
Bulman		
Barunga		
Yarralin	Stage 2	No additional transport needs have been identified at this stage
Gunbalanya	Stage 1	No additional transport needs have been identified at this stage
Maningrida	Stage 1	1 x troop carrier
Milingimbi	Stage 1	1 x troop carrier
Ramingining	Stage 1	1 x troop carrier
Ntaria	Stage 1	1 x bus RSAS also has access to the school bus
Papunya	Stage 2	1 x 22 seater bus
Santa Teresa	Stage 1	1 x 12 seater bus 1 x Toyota Troop Carrier
Wadeye	Stage 2	2 x 14 seater buses The RSAS team also has access to school bus to undertake runs to more distant camps
Yirrakala	Stage 1	1 x Toyota Land Cruiser
Yuendumu	Stage 1	1 X 10 seater bus

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New South Wales		
Wilcannia	Stage 1	1 x 8 seater people mover
Boggabilla	Stage 1	1 x mini-bus (12 seater)
Walgett	Stage 1	2 x cars
Queensland		
Northern Peninsula Area	Stage 2	4 x people movers 1 x car
Kowanyama	Stage 2	1 x car
Pormpuraaw	Stage 2	1 x car
Lockhart River	Stage 2	1 x car
Woorabinda	Stage 2	School has a bus Children, families and RSAS team walking to school/ playgroup via the "Walking Bus"
Cherbourg	Stage 2	1 x 14 seater bus
Palm Island	Stage 1	2 x 12 seater Toyota Hiace "bus" 1 x 4WD Toyota Hilux dual cab Bwgcorman Community School has ordered a bus that will have limited availability for RSAS and St Michael's also has a bus being used for school pick-ups
Mornington Island	Stage 1	1 x Toyota Hiace 12 seater "bus" Mornington Island State School also has a school bus and a troop carrier already being used for RSAS.
Doomadgee	Stage 1	1 x bus Doomadgee State School already has two buses and a troop carrier they are using for RSAS
Camooweal	Stage 1	No transport issues identified given the geographically small size of the community
Normanton	Stage 2	2 x 12 seater Toyota Hiace "buses" 2 x cars
South Australia		
Indulkana Community	Stage 1	Suzuki APV 7 seater vehicle
Mimili	Stage 1	Suzuki APV 7 seater vehicle
Fregon	Stage 1	Suzuki APV 7 seater vehicle
Ernabella	Stage 1	Suzuki APV 7 seater vehicle
Amata	Stage 1	Suzuki APV 7 seater vehicle
Pipalyatjara	Stage 1	4WD vehicle
Murputja	Stage 1	N/A
Koonibba	Stage 2	7 seater type Kia Carnival
Coober Pedy	Stage 2	22 seat Toyota Coaster
Yalata	Stage 1	7 seater type Kia Carnival
Western Australia		
Kalumburu	Stage 1	No transport needs identified. The school is in walking distance of housing
Balgo	Stage 1	1 x Toyota Troup Carrier
Halls Creek	Stage 1	2 x Toyota Troup Carriers 1 x 2012 Hiace 10 seat bus
Roebourne and Onslow	Stage 1	No additional transport needs identified at this stage
Rawa	Stage 1	1x bus
Carnarvon	Stage 1	1 x bus 5 x car

ATTACHMENT A

Meekatharra	Stage 1	4 x car
Ngaanyatjarra Lands	Stage 1	1 x bus
Derby	Stage 2	2 x bus 5 x car
Fitzroy Crossing	Stage 2	No additional transport needs have been identified at this stage
Wiluna	Stage 2	No additional transport needs have been identified at this stage