



# National Travel To Learn & School Bus Summit

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## The SA Way - today and tomorrow



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## Today's presentation

- Legislation and Policy
- Current Transport Arrangements
- Election / Recent Government Announcements
- Summary and Questions

## Legislation and Policy

- *Education Act 1972*
- Eligibility Criteria
- Transport Assistance
- School Responsibility

## Current Transport Arrangements

The South Australian Department for Education currently provides:

- 15,000 students free school bus services through:-
  - 270 private contractor services via 46 contractors; and
  - 190 Education owned and operated buses.
- 950 disabled students through some 305 contractual arrangements – inc regular and wheelchair buses, taxis, Access Cabs and Hire Cars.
- 700 eligible new arrival students supported by transport assistance in buses to and from school on a daily basis. 4 contracted service providers, servicing 17 schools.

## Current Transport Arrangements

- August 2006 - government announced gradual phasing in of safety and comfort measures as school buses were replaced

lap-sash seat belts – to ADR 68 standards	air-conditioning
emission standards	reinforced floors
new guidelines requiring students to wear seat belts	uniform yellow colour for all government owned school buses
rear 25km/hr signs	flashing lights when students board and alight
roll over strength	

- March 2007- government announced that “Private Operators will be required to tender for school transport services that meet the new safety package, including the need for seatbelts to be fitted, when their contracts expire.”

## Current Transport Arrangements

- since 2010
  - all contracted services renewed through a public EOI
  - the standard contract term is 7 years + 2 x 4 years extension option (total = up to 15 years)
  - all owned/operated buses replaced
  - all buses are now fitted with seat belts, air conditioning & other safety features

# Department for Education - SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORT

Contracts expiring from 2010

YEAR	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
2010	1				2	2	6	1		13	9	16	50
2011	2	6	12	4	17	7	23	11	16			35	133
2012	4	5				1	8	17		1	4	6	46
2013	5	2	2	4	1		1		2		2	2	21
2014		1	1		1			2			1		6
2015	3	2						1		2			8
2016	2		1			1	1	1					6
Total	17	16	16	8	21	11	39	33	18	16	16	59	270

} 80%

## Election / Recent government announcements

SA State election 17 March 2018

- Prior to election - 09 March 2018 - Putting the public into transport
- Since election - move public transport operations from DPTI to SA Public Transport Authority
- Productivity Commission
- “A key focus of the Commission will be to provide advice on how government can better support our regions, small business and reduce red tape”.
- in a Catholic Education article dated 05 Mar 2018 - Country bus service leaves Catholic school children behind - Mr Gardner said the terms of reference for the new review would include potential transfer of school bus management from the Education Department to the Transport Department and allowing all students a guaranteed place on a bus, even if they are attending a non-government school.
- Impending review .....



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## Summary

Any questions?

