



## Public Accounts Committee

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## Inquiry into the Student Transport Assistance Policy framework

23 August 2021

On 18 August 2021 the Legislative Assembly referred an inquiry to the Public Accounts Committee with the following terms of reference:

*The Public Accounts Committee will inquire into the current Student Transport Assistance Policy framework within the current budget parameters, in particular:*

- a) *the eligibility criteria for students to qualify for transport assistance, including:
  - i. nearest appropriate school;
  - ii. access to spurs; and
  - iii. inclusion of social, community, and economic and financial factors;*
- b) *the types of transport assistance and entitlements to be provided to ensure students can undertake an appropriate education;*
- c) *the relevance of existing policies, practices and rules that are applied in delivering the transport assistance arrangements;*
- d) *the assessment process when evaluating the safety of bus stops and routes;*
- e) *the implication of the National Disability Insurance Scheme on the delivery of transport assistance for students attending Education Support facilities;*
- f) *the contractual arrangements with service providers, including the appropriateness of current school bus contracts, and payment arrangements, and previous contractual arrangements and the manner in which they were created;*
- g) *the resourcing of the School Bus Services division within the Public Transport Authority; and*
- h) *the appropriateness of the conveyance allowance as an alternative to transport assistance.*

The Committee will report on the outcome of this inquiry to the Legislative Assembly by 31 August 2022.

Information regarding the Committee and this inquiry is available at [Public Accounts Committee- Inquiry \(parliament.wa.gov.au\)](https://www.parliament.wa.gov.au/public-accounts-committee-inquiry).

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