

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES – 11 FEBRUARY 2016 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Kingston Service Centre closure – public transport to Hobart

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Senator: Moore

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Question:

Senator MOORE: Are you aware that the Hobart service centre is not on any public transport route from Kingston or any of the southern Tasmanian communities?

Ms Campbell: I am not sure of the exact details of the transport routes.

Mr Maloney: We will have to take that on notice and get back to you.

Answer:

On 19 February 2016, the Minister for Human Services announced the relocation of services from the Kingston Service Centre to Hobart would not proceed as planned. Rather, services will be delivered from the Service Tasmania shopfront at 87a, 27 Channel Highway, Kingston; 350 metres away from the Kingston Service Centre.

At the time of writing, between the hours of 08:30 and 16:30, bus route numbers 408, 407, 409, 415, 412, 417, 410, 413 operate from Kingston to Hobart, servicing the 181 Macquarie Street Bus Stop approximately every 5 to 15 minutes. The journey is scheduled to take between 21 and 26 minutes.

The corresponding outbound journey from Hobart is available at comparable intervals from Stop P at the Hobart City Bus Interchange in Franklin Square, approximately 900 metres from the Hobart Service Centre. There is also a bus stop at St Ann's residential aged care facility on Davey Street, 300 metres from the service centre, which is serviced by most routes.