



Written Question

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Subject: Cost of Lunch Hour Transportation

Purpose: On numerous occasions, I have voiced my concern over the number of children in Nunavut facing food insecurity. I have also stated that far too many children are going home to empty fridges, which means the schools are sending the children home for “lunch hour” and not necessarily for a meal.

Most jurisdictions in Canada provide accommodations for students to stay on the premises for the entire day, including lunch hour. I would like to inquire how much our government pays for the transportation of our students, as well as the specific costs associated with lunch hour transportation.

1. How many communities does the Department of Education or District Education Authority (DEA) provide contracted transportation services of students between home and school from the **private sector**?
 - a. What is the total number of bussing contracts?
 - b. What is the total cost of the contracts?
 - c. What is the average cost of the contracts per student?

2. How many communities does the Department of Education or District Education Authority (DEA) provide bussing services **internally** for transportation of students between home and school?
 - a. What is the total cost of providing this service internally?
 - b. What is the average cost of providing the service per student?
3. Of these bussing services, how many provide **lunch hour** transportation.
 - a. Private sector contract services.
 - b. Internally run by Department of Education or DEA.
4. What is the **cost associated** with lunch hour transportation
 - a. Private sector contract services.
 - b. Internally run by Department of Education or DEA.