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Mr Gino Amato
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Dear Mr Amato

Thank you for your letter regarding the transport of students with a disability.

The safety and wellbeing of children and students is the paramount consideration in the approval process for the Transport Assistance Programme for students with a disability. The Department currently provides transport services for well over 2000 students with a disability. Approval for a student to travel in either a taxi or bus is dependent on them being safe to travel with other students without adult supervision.

To ensure student safety, all drivers providing transport assistance are required to have a current Criminal History Screening Clearance through the Department for Communities and Social Inclusion.

From the start of 2015, a new panel of transport providers will be in place. Providers participating in the panel will be required to provide vehicles which have CCTV and GPS installed and activated as soon as possible after the allocation of a school transport run.

If you wish to further discuss transport assistance for students with a disability, you are welcome to contact Ms Ksharmra Brandon, the Manager of National Projects, on 8226 2227.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the work we do to support children with a disability and their families.

Yours sincerely

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