

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Corporate

Question No. 200

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 24 February 2014:

Has the minister been provided with a motor vehicle? If so:

- i. What is the make and model?
- ii. How much did it cost?
- iii. When was it provided?
- iv. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?
- v. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Vi. Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.
- vi. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met?
- vii. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine if a minister is entitled to a motor vehicle.
- viii. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail.
- ix. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a minister is to use a motor vehicle they have been provided with. Xi. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses.
- x. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

The Attorney-General has not been provided with a motor vehicle by the department.

The Minister for Justice has been provided with a motor vehicle by the department. That vehicle was originally provided to the Minister by the Department of Finance prior to his appointment as Minister for Justice. The Attorney-General's Department subsequently assumed responsibility for the lease of the vehicle. The answers to questions i) to vi) relate to the motor vehicle provided to the Minister for Justice for the period for which the department has had responsibility for the lease.

- i) 2011 Ford Territory SZ.
- ii) Total monthly Leaseplan costs are approximately \$1,100 per month.
- iii) The department assumed responsibility for the lease of the vehicle from 17 September 2013.
- iv) From 17 September 2013, the costs of the vehicle are being met by the department.
- v) Total monthly Leaseplan costs are approximately \$1,100 per month.
- vi) From 17 September 2013, the costs of the vehicle are being met by the department.
- vii)-x) This is a matter for the Department of Finance.