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

Program: Portfolio

Question No. AE16/134

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 9 February 2016:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

- 1. Has the minister been provided with or had access to a motor vehicle? If so:
- 1. What is the make and model?
- 2. How much did it cost?
- 3. When was it provided?
- 4. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?
- 5. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.
- 6. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met?
- 7. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine if a minister is entitled to a motor vehicle.
- 8. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period of time? If so, please detail.
- 9. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a minister is to use a motor vehicle they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses.
- 10. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period of time? If so, please detail.

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

The Attorney-General's Department does not provide any vehicles to ministerial staff.

The provision of vehicles to ministers and their staff under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* is a matter for the Department of Finance.