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**Question No. SBE14/035**

**Senator Bilyk asked the following question at the hearing on 20 November 2014:**

Senator BILYK: I understand the government wants to replace its fleet of armoured vehicles, is that correct?

Ms Jones: Do you mean the vehicles for high-office holders?

Senator BILYK: Yes.

Ms Jones: Yes, we have.

Senator BILYK: Can you tell me when the existing fleet was purchased, the current fleet?

Ms Jones: The current fleet. I might have to take that on notice. The existing fleet is quite old now and has been in use for some years, so we could take that on notice.

Senator BILYK: Okay. Obviously, then, you probably cannot tell me what the intended lifespan of that fleet was.

Ms Jones: I would have to take that on notice.

Senator BILYK: Okay, thank you. When did the department open a tender to replace these vehicles?

Ms Jones: We do have those dates.

Mr Crossweller: It was 16 January 2012.

Senator BILYK: When it was open? When were the tenders opened?

Mr Crossweller: The department conducted a two-stage procurement process comprising of a request for expressions of interest on 16 January 2012 followed by a selective request were tender process on 30 March 2012.

Senator BILYK: It did not close in January?

Mr Crossweller: I will have to take that on notice.

Senator BILYK: Can you check the date that the tender opened. I understood that it might be December 2011, but I am happy to be corrected. I understood it might have closed in the middle of January 2012. If you could take that on notice as well.

Mr Crossweller: Certainly.

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

The existing fleet comprises four vehicles purchased in 2004 and another nine in 2007. The intended lifespan of the existing fleet was eight to ten years.

Expressions of Interest were issued on 1 December 2011 and closed on 16 January 2012. A Request for Tender was issued on 30 March 2012 and closed on 21 May 2012.