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Dear Mr Cowdrey

**APPLICATION UNDER THE *FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1991***

I refer to your application made under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (the Act), dated 3 March 2023.

Your application seeks access to:

*“A copy of all documents (including but not limited to hard copy or electronic briefings, minutes, reports, emails, letters (including draft versions), meeting agendas, diary entries and any other correspondence) that pertain to the Ministerial Vehicle Fleet. Between 21 March 2022 and 3 March 2023.”*

A determination on your initial application was not made within the 30-day time period required by the FOI Act. Accordingly, the Office of the Treasurer was deemed to have refused access in full to all documents relevant to your application. However, I have determined to process the request as if the statutory timeframe had been met.

An extensive search was conducted within this office, with a total of 9 documents found that fall within scope of your application.

I grant you access in full to 1 document; a copy of which is enclosed.

I grant you access in part to 8 documents; copies of which are enclosed.

**Released in Part**

I have granted partial access to documents 1 – 4, 6, 8 and 9 under clause 6(1) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act.

## **Clause 6 – Documents affecting personal affairs**

- (1) A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead).*
- (2) A document is an exempt document if it contains allegations or suggestions of criminal or other improper conduct on the part of a person (living or dead) the truth of which has not been established by judicial process and the disclosure of which would be unreasonable.*
- (3) A document is not an exempt document by virtue of subclause (1) or (2) merely because it contains information concerning the person by or on whose behalf an application for access to the document is made.*
- (3a) A document is an exempt document if it contains matter—*
  - a. consisting of information concerning a person who is presently under the age of 18 years or suffering from mental illness, impairment or infirmity or concerning such a person's family or circumstances, or information of any kind furnished by a person who was under that age or suffering from mental illness, impairment or infirmity when the information was furnished; and*
  - b. the disclosure of which would be unreasonable having regard to the need to protect that person's welfare.*

Disclosure of personal information in documents 1, 2, 3 and 4 would be unreasonable as the removal of the information was requested by the document author, who is a member of the public, during consultation. As no indication has been made that your application for access to these documents was made on behalf of the document author, I have determined to exempt this information pursuant to clause 6(1).

Further, information redacted in documents 2, 6, 8 and 9 refers to mobile phone numbers which appears in the email chain and a minute contact information. Whilst the mobile numbers appear in the public servant's signature block, it is difficult to determine whether the mobile number is used solely for work purposes or mixed employment and personal use. The ability for an individual to be contacted outside of their ordinary work hours is unreasonable. Moreover, the Ombudsman has ruled that mobile numbers constitute the personal affairs of the individuals concerned<sup>1</sup>. Therefore, in line with the Ombudsman determination, the mobile numbers are exempt pursuant to clause 6(1) of Schedule 1 to the FOI Act.

I have granted partial access to documents 5 and 9 under clause (7)(1)(b) and (7)(1)(c) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act.

## **Clause 7 – Documents affecting business affairs**

- (1) A document is an exempt document—*
  - (b) if it contains matter—*
    - (i) consisting of information (other than trade secrets) that has a commercial value to any agency or any other person; and*
    - (ii) the disclosure of which—*

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<sup>1</sup> Ombudsman Reference: 2019/01163; 2019/01165; 2019/01206; 2019/01207 [44]

- (A) *could reasonably be expected to have an adverse effect on those affairs or to prejudice the future supply of such information to the Government or to an agency; and*
  - (B) *would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest; or*
- (c) *if it contains matter—*
- (i) *consisting of information (other than trade secrets or information referred to in paragraph (b)) concerning the business, professional, commercial or financial affairs of any agency or any other person; and*
  - (ii) *the disclosure of which—*
    - (A) *could reasonably be expected to have an adverse effect on those affairs or to prejudice the future supply of such information to the Government or to an agency; and*
    - (B) *would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.*

Documents 5 and 9 contain the cost of the vehicles and amount of discount provided to the government by the manufacturers. Vehicle costs and manufacturer discounts is considered sensitive information and its release could affect the future pricing and lease rates of vehicles provided for the Ministerial fleet. Manufacturers could reduce or remove the discount provided to government for these vehicles, resulting in increased costs to government.

There is the added concern that disclosure of this information would allow competitors or other third parties to access to confidential information that each manufacturer offered the government to secure contract, ultimately providing competitors with an advantage.

This would be contrary to the public interest, as the agency aims to secure cost effective and preferred vehicle options for the Ministerial fleet to the benefit of the State and its economy. The agency would therefore not be properly discharging its functions and responsibilities if it were to jeopardise potential negotiation with manufacturers to secure the best price for the government. I have therefore determined that, on balance, it is contrary to public interest to release this information.

I therefore determine it is exempt pursuant to clause 7(1)(b) and 7(1)(c).

Please note, in compliance with Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045 - *Disclosure Logs for Non-Personal Information Released through Freedom of Information* (PC045), the Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF) is now required to publish a log of all non-personal information released under the Act.

In accordance with this Circular, any non-personal information determined for release as part of this application, may be published on the DTF website. A copy of PC045 can be found at the following address: <https://dpc.sa.gov.au/resources-and-publications/premier-and-cabinet-circulars>. Please visit the website for further information.

If you are unhappy with this determination you are entitled to apply for an internal review in accordance with section 29 of the FOI Act. To make an internal review application, please either write a letter or send Application for Review of Determination form to the Principal Officer, the Treasurer, Hon. Stephen Mullighan MP, within 30 (calendar) days after you receive this letter.

If you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact the Office of the Treasurer on (08) 8226 1866.

Yours sincerely



Elicea Tomlinson  
**Accredited FOI Officer**  
Office of the Treasurer

18 April 2023

## Schedule of Documents

A2806842 - Mr Matt Cowdrey OAM MP

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Doc. No.	Date	Description of Document	Determination Recommendation	Exemption Clause
1	4/04/2022	Email from member of the public	Released in part	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs
2	27/04/2022	Email from DTF	Released in part	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs
3	3/05/2022	Minute	Released in part	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs
4	3/05/2022	Letter to member of the public	Released in part	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs
5	23/05/2022	Minute	Released in part	7(1)(b)(i)(ii)(A)(B) - Contains information of commercial value which disclosure would diminish or destroy & contrary to public interest 7(1)(c)(i)(ii)(A)(B) - Contains information concerning the business, professional, commercial or financial affairs of any agency or person & contrary to public interest
6	1/07/2022	Email from DTF	Released in part	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs
7	4/07/2022	Minute	Released in full	
8	14/11/2022	Email from DTF	Released in part	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs 6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs
9	16/11/2022	Minute	Released in part	7(1)(b)(i)(ii)(A)(B) - Contains information of commercial value which disclosure would diminish or destroy & contrary to public interest 7(1)(c)(i)(ii)(A)(B) - Contains information concerning the business, professional, commercial or financial affairs of any agency or person & contrary to public interest

**Tonkin, Kate (DTF)**

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**From:** Clause 6(1)  
**Sent:** Monday, 4 April 2022 8:46 AM  
**To:** DTF:Treasurer  
**Subject:** SA ministerial vehicles

**Categories:** Naveena

Good morning Hon. Stephen Mulligan,

I noticed recently that SA moved to large V6 Genesis sedans. I was wondering if the SA Govt. would consider instead the use of hybrid or EV vehicles for this fleet.

Not only are these vehicles environmentally friendly, but would help flow fuel efficient vehicles into the used market once their govt. duties are complete.

Many thanks

Clause 6(1)

**Tonkin, Kate (DTF)**

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**From:** Gorton, Melissa (DTF)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 27 April 2022 4:14 PM  
**To:** DTF:Treasurer  
**Cc:** Gorton, Melissa (DTF); Signorelli, Belinda (DTF); Hughes, Anna (DTF); White, Jenny (DTF)  
**Subject:** A2369966 - TRS22D0918 - Ministerial Chauffeur Vehicles  
**Attachments:** treas-gortom01\_27-04-2022\_15-57-33\_1.pdf; Letter Tr to **Clause 6(1)** re SA Ministerial Vehicles.docx

Good afternoon,

Please see attached minute which has been supported by the Under Treasurer on 27 April 2022 for your consideration.

Kind regards,

**Melissa Gorton**

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File SAF22/0019

Doc No A2369966

TR522D0918

To The Treasurer

## MINISTERIAL CHAUFFEUR VEHICLES

Timing: ROUTINE — For noting, signing and sending

**Recommendations/Issues:** It is recommended that you:

- note the briefing on the selection of the Ministerial Chauffeur fleet; and
- sign and send the draft reply to **Clause 6(1)**

Noted

Hon. Stephen Mullighan MP  
Treasurer

3 / 5 / 2022

**Key Points:**

- **Clause 6(1)** emailed your office with an observation that the Ministerial fleet is using large V6 Genesis sedans and asked if the government would consider the use of hybrid or electric vehicles for this fleet. Refer to TRS22D0918 which is attached.
- The vehicles currently approved as Ministerial Chauffeur vehicles are the Genesis G80 sedan (4 cylinder), the Toyota Prado GXL, and the Toyota Camry SL hybrid.
- The Ministerial fleet currently consists of 22 vehicles including 16 Genesis G80, four Toyota Prado GXL, one Toyota Camry SL hybrid, and one Holden Caprice.

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- Significant analysis was undertaken before the Genesis was selected to be the passenger vehicle of choice for the Ministerial Chauffeur fleet. Other vehicles considered included the:
  - Tesla Model X
  - Skoda Superb
  - Volkswagen Arteon
  - Hyundai Palsade
  - Lexus GS
  - Along with some vehicles which are no longer available, such as the Chrysler 300, BMW 6 Series, Holden Calais and Holden Acadia.
- The criteria used to consider vehicles was:
  - Cost – equal to or less than the cost of running the Caprice, and preferably below the luxury car tax threshold;
  - WH&S – service and support network across the state including road side assistance coverage;
  - Safety – minimum 5 Star ANCAP rating and the latest in safety features;
  - Size – suitable leg room and ease of access and egress;
  - Comfort – ergonomic and suitable to travel long distances and work in while in transit;
  - Quiet – suitable to hold interviews in while driving;
  - Luggage space – approx 500 litres; and
  - Environmental – superior environmental performance to the Caprice, with a preference for low emission.
- At the time of the Ministerial fleet review, there were no suitable hybrid vehicles available. The Lexus GS hybrid variant was evaluated and had similar dimensions to the Camry hybrid (which was considered too small) while being more than double the price. The Lexus LS hybrid was not considered as it is a \$200,000 vehicle.
- The Tesla Model X was suggested as a battery electric vehicle for the Ministerial fleet. There were reservations about the public perception of using Tesla, and the cost was far higher than the preferred Genesis, with the entry level variant costing \$158,000 and the higher output variant costing \$177,000.
- The Genesis G80 2.5 litre 4-cylinder sedan offers a good mix of the above criteria, with much improved environmental performance to the Caprice V8 or the previous V6 Genesis G80 model.
- Further information about the selection process for the Ministerial Chauffeur fleet will be provided in a separate minute.

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- Attached is a recommended letter of response to **Clause 6(1)** for your consideration.

*A Hughes*

Anna Hughes  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, SAFA

26 April 2022

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Rick Persse  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
Department of Treasury and Finance  
Date: 27/4 / 2022

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## Clause 6(1)

Dear **Clause 6(1)**

Thank you for your email dated 4 April 2022 regarding the South Australian Ministerial Chauffeur Fleet and their environmental credibility.

I am pleased to advise the current approved Ministerial Chauffeur Fleet vehicles being purchased are the four-cylinder variant of the Genesis model range. The existing fleet contains several older V6 Genesis variants, a remaining V8 Holden Caprice and a Toyota Camry Hybrid.

When Holden vehicles were available and made in South Australia (up until 2017), the Ministerial Chauffeur Fleet contained the 6.2 litre V8 powered Holden Caprice. Since then, the Genesis has been judged as the most suitable replacement. In 2020, ten 3.8 litre V6 Genesis were introduced to replace the aging Holden Caprice. Later in 2020, the Genesis was updated and released in two engine configurations, an economical four-cylinder or a 3.5 litre V6. Only the four-cylinder variant was approved due to its lower cost, and superior environmental performance.

The environmental performance improvements and the progression in reduced fuel consumption is detailed in the table below:

Make	Model	Consumption	Grams CO <sup>2</sup> per km
Holden	Caprice 6.2 V8	12.9 l per 100 km	300
Genesis	G80 3.8 V6	10.4 l per 100 km	237
Genesis	G80 2.5 4cyl	8.6 l per 100 km	201

Reviews of other electrified large passenger vehicles released in the past have been deemed unsuitable for the Ministerial Chauffeur Fleet due to their high cost or other factors.

The South Australian Government continues to be a leader in embracing low and zero emission vehicle technology, with more than 1,900 electrified vehicles across the wider government fleet that then flow into the used vehicle market.

The Malinauskas Labor Government intends to further embrace electric vehicles and is keen to review other options as they become available, including the electrified Genesis when it is released in Australia for the Ministerial Chauffeur Fleet.

I have recently instructed a broad review to be undertaken to assess all vehicle fleets within the State Government and to investigate ways to improve their environmental performance. I am keen to not only improve the environmental performance of our vehicles when they are being used within the State Government, but also when they are on-sold to the community at the end of their service, often being sold to members of the South Australian public.

I am also aware of needing to lead an example for other fleet operators and the public towards the future of electric vehicles by purchasing more electric vehicles for use in South Australia.

I trust the above information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



**Hon. Stephen Mullighan MP**  
Treasurer

3 May 2022

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To The Treasurer

VEHICLE FLEET INFORMATION INCLUDING MINISTERIAL, **Out of Scope**  
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Timing: ROUTINE — For information and approval

Recommendations/Issues: It is recommended that you:

- **Out of Scope**
- **Out of Scope**
- **Out of Scope**
- approve the recommendation to add the Volkswagen Arteon and Touareg to the available list of vehicles for the Ministerial Chauffeur fleet.

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Noted and Approved / Not Approved



Hon. Stephen Mullighan MP  
Treasurer

23/5/2022

Key Points:

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- Ministerial Chauffeur Fleet;
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- The vehicles currently approved as Ministerial Chauffeur vehicles are:
  - Genesis G80 sedan 2.5 litre;
  - Toyota Prado GXL; and
  - Toyota Camry SL hybrid.

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## Ministerial Chauffeur Fleet

- SAFA provided several papers in respect of vehicle options before the Genesis was agreed to be the passenger vehicle of choice for the Ministerial Chauffeur fleet. Other considerations included:
  - Tesla Model X;
  - Skoda Superb;
  - Volkswagen Arteon;
  - Hyundai Palisade;
  - Lexus GS;
  - Kia Carnival;
  - Mercedes Valente; and
  - Toyota Granvia.
- In addition to the above, the Chrysler 300, BMW 6 Series, Holden Calais and Holden Acadia were also considered. These models are no longer available.
- The criteria used to consider vehicles was:
  - Cost – equal to or less than the cost of running the Caprice, and preferably below the luxury car tax threshold;
  - WH&S – service and support network across the state including road side assistance coverage;
  - Safety – minimum 5 Star ANCAP rating and the latest in safety features;
  - Size – suitable leg room and ease of access and egress;
  - Comfort – ergonomic and suitable to travel long distances and work in while in transit;
  - Quiet – suitable serve as a mobile office;
  - Luggage space – approx 500 litres; and
  - Environmental – improved environmental performance than the Caprice, with a preference for low emission.

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- There are still very limited choices of vehicles available that would meet the criteria above. The Hyundai Palisade was promising, but Hyundai has elected not to crash test the vehicle meaning it is ANCAP unrated.
- A market scan of the passenger large and passenger upper large segments shows there are still limited options for alternative vehicles, with many of the passenger vehicles being very expensive or unsuitable.

<b>Passenger Large &lt;\$70k</b>
Kia Stinger
Skoda Superb
<b>Passenger Large &gt;\$70k</b>
Audi A6
Audi A7
BMW 5 Series
Genesis G80
Jaguar XF
Maserati Ghibli
Mercedes-Benz CLS-Class
Mercedes-Benz E-Class
Porsche Taycan
<b>Passenger Upper Large &lt;\$100k</b>
Chrysler 300 (remaining stock only)
<b>Passenger Upper Large &gt;\$100k</b>
Audi A8
Bentley Sedan
BMW 7 Series
BMW 8 Series Gran Coupe
Lexus LS
Maserati Quattroporte
Mercedes-AMG GT 4D
Mercedes-Benz S-Class
Porsche Panamera
Rolls-Royce Sedan

*Based on VFACTS sales data*

- Outside of the passenger large segments listed above, the Volkswagen Arteon (passenger medium > \$60K) and Volkswagen Touareg (SUV Large > \$70K) are considered suitable Ministerial Chauffeur vehicles.
- Volkswagen (VW) provide a discount on the Touareg and the entry level vehicle will price up similar to the Genesis. The table below provides the recommended retail price for the vehicles and the approximate discount offered compared to the Genesis.

Model	RRP Inc GST	Discount Ex GST
Touareg 170TDI	\$84,990	Clause 7(1)(b), Clause 7(1)(c)
Touareg 210TDI Elegance	\$103,690	
Touareg 210TDI R-Line	\$112,690	
Genesis G80	\$86,000	
Arteon 206TSI	\$68,740	

- The VW Arteon is classed by VFACTS as a passenger medium vehicle and could be an alternative to the Genesis. VW stopped bringing the Arteon to Australia in 2019 and reintroduced it at the end of 2021. It is very well appointed and built to a high standard and a little smaller than the Genesis.  
*(VFACTS is the Vendor Field Analytical and Characterization Technologies System as used by the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries (FCAI) to classify vehicle segments)*
- It is recommended that the Arteon and Touareg is made available on the Ministerial Chauffeurs Master Lease Agreement, which will enable vehicles to be trialed and feedback provided by the Chauffeurs of their suitability.
- The Arteon is published as emitting 177 grams of CO<sup>2</sup> per kilometre with a combined fuel consumption of 7.7 litres per 100 kilometres. The Touareg emits 179 grams of CO<sup>2</sup>, with a fuel consumption of 6.8 litres, providing an improvement over the Genesis (201 grams and 8.6 litres).
- The main costs of providing Ministerial Chauffeur vehicles are lease rates and fuel. Electorate Services lease the vehicles from SAFA. The main component of the lease rates is depreciation, which is the difference between the purchase price and the predicted sale price. There is little data on actual resale values of the Genesis. SAFA has not sold any, and neither have Pickles Auctions nationally.
- There are currently five Genesis with replacement vehicles arriving in the next few months that will provide actual performance of the vehicle in the market place. As a point of comparison, the 36 months 60,000 kilometre lease rates are as follows:

Model	36/60k Lease Rate per mth
Genesis G80 sedan	Clause 7(1)(b), Clause 7(1)(c)
Toyota Prado GXL wagon	
Toyota Landcruiser GXL wagon	
Toyota Camry SL hybrid sedan	
Volkswagen Arteon 206 sedan	
Volkswagen Touareg 170TDI wagon	

*The Volkswagens may increase in price with the June lease rates as Volkswagen is reducing discount to fleets.*

- SAFA will continue to monitor the market for suitable Ministerial Chauffeur vehicles, including models that are marketed as being released soon, such as the Genesis G80 EV, the Touareg EV, the Polestar EV and the Volvo EV version of the XC90.

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- Please contact SAFA should you require any further detail in respect of the information contained in this briefing.



Anna Hughes  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, SAFA

16 May 2022

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**Tonkin, Kate (DTF)**

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**From:** DTF:Office of the Under Treasurer  
**Sent:** Friday, 1 July 2022 11:21 AM  
**To:** DTF:Treasurer  
**Cc:** Gorton, Melissa (DTF); Hughes, Anna (DTF); Gaisford, Glenn (DTF); White, Jenny (DTF)  
**Subject:** FW: A2466333 - Minute to Treasurer - Skoda Superb Chauffeur Vehicle  
**Attachments:** A2466333 - Minute to Treasurer - Skoda Superb Chauffeur Vehicle .pdf

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Good morning,

Please find attached minute regarding the above matter for your consideration, which has been reviewed by DUT Anna Hughes.

Regards,  
**Jenna Kouts**  
Executive Support Officer  
Office of the Under Treasurer

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**From:** Gorton, Melissa (DTF) <Melissa.Gorton2@sa.gov.au>  
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**Subject:** A2466333 - Minute to Treasurer - Skoda Superb Chauffeur Vehicle

Good morning,

Please see attached for forwarding directly to the Treasurer, reviewed by DUT Anna Hughes.

Thanks,

Mel

**Melissa Gorton**

Business Coordinator | Office of the Chief Executive Officer  
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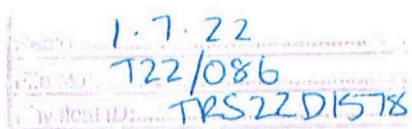
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To The Treasurer

Endorsed: Deputy Under Treasurer

**MINISTERIAL CHAUFFEUR VEHICLE – SKODA SUPERB**

Timing: ROUTINE — For your approval

**Recommendations/Issues:** It is recommended that you approve the selection of the Skoda Superb SportLine 206TSI as a Ministerial Chauffeur vehicle.

Approved / Not Approved

**Hon. Stephen Mullighan MP**  
Treasurer

4 / 7 / 2022

**Key Points:**

- Electorate Services has received a request from the Hon. Tom Koutsantonis MP, the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport and the Minister for Energy and Mining, to replace his current Genesis Ministerial Chauffeur vehicle with a Skoda Superb SportLine 206TSI.
- The Skoda Superb is classified as a large passenger vehicle and has a lower cost than the Genesis.
- The Skoda Superb emits 182 grams of CO<sup>2</sup> per kilometre, which is lower than the Genesis at 201 grams.
- There is only one Skoda new vehicle dealership in South Australia located in Adelaide. There are two additional approved dealerships for servicing and maintenance which are located at Murray Bridge and Tanunda. The Minister is metropolitan based so service and maintenance coverage should not be an issue.
- SAFA has an existing relationship with Skoda Australia and has other Skoda vehicles in the fleet.

- The vehicles currently approved to be Ministerial Chauffeur vehicles are the Genesis G80, the Toyota Prado, the Toyota Camry hybrid, the Volkswagen Touareg and the Volkswagen Arteon.
- It is recommended that you approve for the Skoda Superb SportLine 206TSI to be added as a Ministerial Chauffeur vehicle.



Anna Hughes  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, SAFA**  
30 June 2022

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Good afternoon

The attached correspondence on the Ministerial Chauffer vehicle for the Emergency Services Minister is forwarded for the Treasurer's consideration.

Kind regards

Ana

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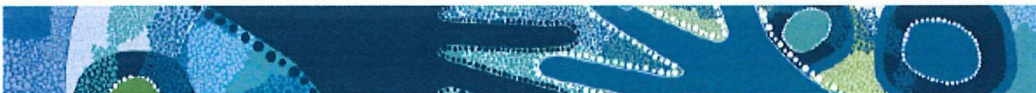
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Good afternoon,

Please see attached, endorsed by A/UT Tammie Pribanic for sending onto the Treasurer for consideration.

Thanks,  
Mel

**Melissa Gorton**

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MINISTERIAL CHAUFFEUR VEHICLE FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES MINISTER

Timing: ROUTINE - For approval

**Recommendations/Issues:** It is recommended that you approve a Hyundai Palisade for the Hon. Joe Szakacs MP, as a Ministerial Chauffeur vehicle.

Approved / Not Approved

Hon. Stephen Mullighan MP  
Treasurer

16 / 11 / 2022

Key Points:

- The Chief of Staff of the Hon. Joe Szakacs MP has written to Electorate Services to request a new Ministerial Chauffeur vehicle.
- The Hyundai Palisade, a Large SUV model, is not currently on the list of available vehicles, but is now suitable as it has achieved the highest 5 Star ANCAP rating for any vehicles built after May 2022 and is a reasonably priced luxury vehicle.
- The vehicle of choice for the Minister is a Hyundai Palisade, Highlander 8-seat 3.8 GDI petrol in either moonlight blue, creamy white or graphite grey. This model is priced at a cost of **Clause 6(1)** ex GST to government, which is much less than the Volkswagen Touareg.
- SAFA supports making the Hyundai Palisade available to the Minister. Electorate Services can use this as an initial trial on the suitability of the Palisade being made available on the approved Ministerial Vehicle list.

Mark Twells  
Acting Chief Executive Officer, SAFA

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