

GOVERNMENT VEHICLES, SURPLUS

80. Hon C L Edwardes to the Premier

- (1) Will the Premier advise how many Government vehicles were surplus on coming into Government?
- (2) Upon what basis were they surplus?
- (3) What has happened to those surplus Government vehicles, and was there a cost to the Government in such disposal?
- (4) If so, what was the cost?
- (5) How many new vehicles have been licensed since coming into Government?

Dr GALLOP replied:

- (1)-(5) When the Government came to power, it quickly became apparent that there was a surplus of cars attached to ministerial offices. The Government returned thirty cars to the lessors at an estimated annual saving of \$10,000 per car in total operating costs.

More generally, agencies are expected to ensure that the size of vehicle fleets remains consistent with operational needs. Since February this year, the number of vehicles leased under the Fleet Lease Facility has fallen from 9,103 to 8,929 - reducing the annual lease rents by around \$1 million on a full-year basis. Figures are not readily available for vehicles held outside that facility.