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Dear Mr Hunger

Official Information Act request (OIA 2425-0624)

Thank you for your request for information dated 4 January made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department). You requested the following information:

- 1. A copy of the Self-drive Vehicle Catalogue which is used by Ministers to select a Self-drive vehicle for their needs.*
- 2. All available info regarding Make/Model/Year and the Purchase Price of the current Self-drive fleet. Where possible please include the install costs of charging infrastructure on a per-vehicle basis.*
- 3. A summary of ongoing operating and maintenance costs, servicing, RUCs, fuel/electricity etc.*

Response to your request

Ministers¹, former Prime Ministers² and surviving spouses or partners of former Prime Ministers are eligible for the private use of a self-drive vehicle as part of their Ministerial entitlement. All Ministerial self-drive vehicles are Crown-owned and administered by the Department's Ministerial Services group through VIP Transport on behalf of the Crown.

¹ Ministers Travel Services within New Zealand Determination 2020, part 2, cl 2.3

² Members of Parliament (Former Prime Ministers Travel Services) Determination 2017, part 2, cl 9

1. *A copy of the Self-drive Vehicle Catalogue which is used by Ministers to select a Self-drive vehicle for their needs.*

The following documents are attached as Appendix A:

- Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV) Self-drive catalogue October 2023
- PHEV Self-drive catalogue October 2023

Please note, where possible existing suitable self-drives vehicles from outgoing Ministers are reallocated to incoming Ministers. Selection of a new vehicle is only offered if there is no suitable vehicle already available.

2. *All available info regarding Make/Model/Year and the Purchase Price of the current Self-drive fleet. Where possible please include the install costs of charging infrastructure on a per-vehicle basis.*
3. *A summary of ongoing operating and maintenance costs, servicing, RUCs, fuel/electricity etc.*

The information in response to points 2 and 3 is detailed in Appendix B. Please note that we have provided charging costs for those vehicles where new electric chargers have been installed. These chargers have a reader fitted that allows us to track the costs per month. Please also note that the fuel/charging costs for hybrid vehicles cover the last six months (being the timeframe that we are able to research via the 'Cardlink' (fuel cards) website).

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If you have any concerns with the information in this response, you have a right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. Information on how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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