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Dear George Benedict

**Official Information Act request (20/21 - 0008)**

I refer to your Official Information Act request of 6 July 2020 requesting the following information:

- 1. Which provincial towns/ cities are Crown Cars based in?*
- 2. Who has access to these?*
- 3. What is their annual maintenance cost?*

**Response to your request**

- 1. Which provincial towns/ cities are Crown Cars based in?*

The majority of the Crown fleet vehicles are based New Zealand's largest cities; Wellington, Auckland, and Christchurch. There are also two Crown fleet vehicles based in Hamilton and one in Palmerston North.

- 2. Who has access to these?*

Those entitled to use Crown fleet chauffeur-driven vehicles include Ministers, visiting dignitaries, heads of state and heads of government, Governors-General, former Governors-General and former Prime Ministers, the Leader of the Opposition, the Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the House, and senior judges.

Entitled users are listed in the Speaker's Directions 2017 and the Ministers' Travel Services within New Zealand Determination 2017; the Members of Parliament (Former Prime Minister's Travel Services) Determination 2017; and, the Members of Parliament Accommodation Services for Members and Travel Services for Family Members Determination 2017.

Ministers are the largest group of entitled users. Clause 2.1 of the Ministers' Travel Services within New Zealand Determination 2017 provides that *'A Minister may use a chauffeur-driven car arranged by VIP Transport at any time for any purpose, at the Minister's discretion.'*

These determinations are publicly available and can be found on the New Zealand Parliament's website at <https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/parliamentary-rules/directions-determinations/>.

3. *What is their annual maintenance cost?*

Maintenance costs for the three vehicles based in Hamilton and Palmerston North include fuel, car services, tyres, repairs, warrants of fitness and road user charges. The costs for the three vehicles based in there are provided in the table below.

**Annual Maintenance costs for Crown fleet vehicles based in Hamilton and Palmerston North (GST exclusive)**

Vehicle	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020 (1 Jan – 30 June YTD)
sedan	\$ 2,079.00	\$ 4,069.00	\$ 4,077.00	\$ 6,425.00	\$ 1,912.00
sedan	\$ 3,997.00	\$ 4,497.00	\$ 5,734.00	\$ 3,769.00	\$ 2,704.00
PHEV SUV	n/a	n/a	\$ 1,107.00	\$ 2,428.00	\$ 1,366.00

If you have any concerns with the decisions referred to in this letter, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely



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