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Dear Ryan,

Official Information Act request (OIA 2425-0713)

Thank you for your request for information dated 29 January 2025 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department). You requested the following information:

Would you be so kind as to provide the following information where possible:

- i. The number of BMW 7-Series sedans currently in the Crown fleet;*
- ii. How many of which are the G11/G12 type chassis (purchased around 2015/2016);*
- iii. How many, if any, are of the older F01/F02 type chassis (c. 2010);*
- iv. Whether there are any petrol 7-Series, and if so, how many.*
- v. The timeline (calendar quarter) for the replacement of the 7-Series sedans;*
- vi. Whether the government intends to sell the cars through public auction, and if so, with which auction house;*
- vii. How many of the 7-Series sedans the government intends to sell.*
- viii. Whether the replacement vehicles are going to be petrol, diesel, hybrid, plug-in hybrid, or pure electric;*
- ix. Which marque and model the government intends to purchase to replace the BMW 7-Series.*

Background Information

The VIP Transport (VIPT) team within the Department operate the Crown Fleet. VIPT are responsible for providing 24/7 safe, secure chauffeur-driven surface travel services for the Prime Minister, Members of the Executive, and other entitled users such as visiting dignitaries, Heads of State, Senior Judges, the Governor-General and former Governor-Generals and former Prime Ministers.

Response to your request

i. **The number of BMW 7-Series sedans currently in the Crown fleet;**

There are currently 20 BMW 7-Series sedans in the 'Class 1' Crown fleet.

ii. **How many of which are the G11/G12 type chassis (purchased around 2015/2016);**

All 20 of the 'Class 1' vehicles have the G12 type chassis.

iii. **How many, if any, are of the older F01/F02 type chassis (c. 2010);**

There are no vehicles in the Crown Fleet with F01/F02 type Chassis.

iv. **Whether there are any petrol 7-Series, and if so, how many.**

There are no petrol 7-Series in the Crown fleet.

v. **The timeline (calendar quarter) for the replacement of the 7-Series sedans;**

Final decisions regarding the specifics of the replacement of Crown fleet vehicles are yet to be made. Therefore, I am unable to provide this detail at this stage. This information is withheld under Section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Official Information Act 1982 to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

More information regarding the Department's approach to modernising the Crown fleet is available in the Briefing to the Incoming Minister Responsible for Ministerial Services on the DIA website.¹

vi. **Whether the government intends to sell the cars through public auction, and if so, with which auction house;**

When vehicles in the Department's fleet are due for replacement, they are disposed of according to the Department's Assets Accounting Policy. We use the independent third-party public auction, Turner's, which allows the Department to recoup any value remaining for all the vehicles in our Crown fleet.

¹ [https://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/Files/Briefing-to-Incoming-Minister-October-2023/\\$file/BIM-2023-October-Minister-Responsible-for-Ministerial-Services_Redacted.pdf](https://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/Files/Briefing-to-Incoming-Minister-October-2023/$file/BIM-2023-October-Minister-Responsible-for-Ministerial-Services_Redacted.pdf)

vii. **How many of the 7-Series sedans the government intends to sell.**

As advised in my response to question five, this is yet to be determined.

viii. **Whether the replacement vehicles are going to be petrol, diesel, hybrid, plug-in hybrid, or pure electric;**

As above, this is yet to be determined.

ix. **Which marque and model the government intends to purchase to replace the BMW 7-Series.**

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Yours sincerely



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