



Speech by

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Ministerial Motor Vehicles

Hon. P.D. BEATTIE (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier and Minister for Trade) (9.45 a.m.): Yesterday in a ministerial statement on freedom of information, I showed how my government is the most open and accountable in Queensland's history. Today, I continue to demonstrate our accountability by tabling documents relating to accidents involving ministerial vehicles. On 12 May, I tabled 28 documents relating to accidents and repairs to ministerial vehicles, electorate or private vehicles and ministerial staff vehicles between 10 November 2003 and 24 December 2003.

At the time I also tabled a summary relating to those documents. In my summary document I advised the House that I included information regarding four repairs undertaken during the period even though the documents did not arrive until after 24 December. That is how accountable we are. For the information of the House and to assist in cross-referencing, I now table 22 documents relating to this summary, including 11 new documents that were not caught by the FOI application and which relate to the four additional repairs where documents arrived later. That is marked as A.

In addition, I will now table for the information of members, documents supporting the answer I gave to question on notice No. 44 in relation to ministerial vehicles. This level of accountability and openness has never happened in Queensland's history before. In other words, I am tabling all the relevant documents relating to all the accidents involving ministerial cars.

They comprise 254 documents relating to accidents in ministerial vehicles from 2001 onwards. I table 50 documents relating to the Education Minister's office, which are marked B. I table eight documents relating to the Employment Minister's office, which are marked C. I table 20 documents relating to the Health Minister's office, which are marked D. I table 21 documents relating to the State Development Minister's office, which are marked E. I table six documents relating to the Police Minister's office, which are marked F. These six documents relate to the office of Minister Tom Barton not when he was State Development Minister but when he was Police Minister.

I table nine documents relating to the Transport Minister's office, which are marked G. I table 33 documents relating to the Attorney-General's office, which are marked H. I table 26 documents relating to the Environment Minister's office, which are marked I. I table 11 documents relating to the Primary Industries Minister's office, which are marked J. I table 17 documents relating to the Tourism and Racing Minister's office, which are marked K. I table eight documents relating to the Local Government Minister's office, which are marked L. I table five documents relating to the Emergency Services Minister's office, which are marked M. I table nine documents relating to the Industrial Relations Minister's office, which are marked N. I table eight documents relating to the Innovation Minister's office, which are marked O. I also table additional documents relating to the opposition office, which are marked P. No government has ever tabled such information in the history of Queensland. We are the most open and accountable government in the history of the state.

