

Questions on Notice
No. 252
Asked on 28 April 2004

MR QUINN asked the Minister for Public Works and Minister for Housing (Mr Schwarten) —

QUESTION:

With reference to the disposal of QFleet vehicles via motor auctions for each financial year (reported separately) since 2001/2002 -

- (1) How many vehicles have been put up for auction in Queensland and, of those, how many vehicles were disposed of via auction in Queensland and how many vehicles were passed-in at auction and subsequently sold post-auction at an agreed price?
- (2) How many vehicles have been put up for auction outside of Queensland and, of those, how many vehicles were disposed of via auction and how many vehicles were passed-in at auction and subsequently sold post-auction at an agreed price?
- (3) What has been the total cost of transporting vehicles outside of Queensland to offer them for sale via auction?

ANSWER:

During the 2001/2002 a total of 6,084 QFleet vehicles were offered for sale and sold. In 2002/2003 the number sold was 5,765. All of these vehicles were first offered for sale in Queensland at public auction. So Queenslanders always get the first right of refusal. **It should also be noted that all vehicles sold subsequent to auction, can only be purchased at the reserve price.**

- (1) The number of vehicles offered for sale in Queensland and sold at auction in Queensland was the following:

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| 2001/2002 | 5,004 |
| 2002/2003 | 4,478 |

The number of vehicles offered at auction and passed-in, but subsequently sold to a purchaser in Queensland for the reserve price were the following:

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| 2001/2002 | 632 |
| 2002/2003 | 937 |

- (2) The number of vehicles offered for sale interstate and sold at auction interstate were the following:

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| 2001/2002 | 448 |
| 2002/2003 | 350 |

- (3) QFleet is not able to provide an accurate response on short notice to this question. To quantify this cost would require a search of all invoices and the separation of those line items relating to interstate movements. However, QFleet recorded a \$12.8 million profit last financial year.

It should be remembered that you wouldn't be asking me this question if the Liberal Party was in government because QFleet would have been privatised wasting millions of taxpayers dollars like the Western Australia experience.