

**Question on Notice
No. 131
Asked on 14 February 2008**

MR HOBBS asked the Minister for Public Works, Housing and Information and Communication Technology (MR SCHWARTEN)-

QUESTION:

What is the cost to all departments and agencies (including government owned corporations) (reported separately) for the modifications to auxiliary equipment (for example fire fighting equipment) that has previously been manufactured to fit vehicles with a Toyota design, which are no longer being purchased because of the State Government's no V8 vehicle policy?

ANSWER:

I am advised there is no additional cost to government departments or agencies for modifications to auxiliary equipment as the 'Toyota design' vehicles have continued to be available subject to the conditions outlined below.

The comment 'no longer being purchased because of the State Government's no V8 policy' does not reflect the Queensland Government's current position on eight cylinder vehicles.

In 2005, the then Premier, Peter Beattie announced measures to reduce the cost of running the government fleet including a ban on eight cylinder passenger vehicles and a clear preference for four cylinder passenger vehicles. However, there was provision for Chief Executive Officers to justify the need for eight cylinder commercial vehicles on a fit-for-purpose basis and to service rural and regional parts of the State.

In December 2007, Executive Government approved the QFleet ClimateSmart Action Plan 2007-2010 (the Action Plan). Under the Action Plan the emphasis for vehicle selection has changed from the number of cylinders to the vehicle's greenhouse emissions, based on the Commonwealth Government's Green Vehicle Guide Greenhouse Ratings system.

Commercial vehicles like the eight cylinder Toyota Landcruiser 70 Series (typically used for fire fighting), with a Green Vehicle Guide Greenhouse Rating of 3.5, meet the minimum mandatory Rating specified in the Action Plan for commercial vehicles, therefore they are still available to client agencies who can demonstrate a need.

If a vehicle with a higher GVG Greenhouse Rating can meet the operational needs of an agency efficiently and safely, then that vehicle will be selected.