

**Question on Notice
No. 771
Asked on 24 May 2011**

MS BATES asked the Minister for Government Services, Building Industry and Information and Communication Technology (MR FINN)-

QUESTION:

Will the Minister state which ministers are currently supplied with hybrid cars and list the types of vehicles supplied to other ministers?

ANSWER:

Currently, one Toyota Camry Hybrid is in service by the Honourable Kate Jones MP, Minister for Environment and Resource Management. All other vehicles supplied to Ministers meet or exceed the current minimum vehicle emissions standard set down for the QFleet fleet.

The table below lists vehicles in use by Ministers and their GVG ratings.

GVG Greenhouse Rating	Vehicle make and model	Number of vehicle type as at 30 May 2011
7.5	Toyota Camry Hybrid	1
7	Volkswagen Passat CC	1
6.5	Skoda Superb Elegance	3
6	Honda Accord Euro Luxury	1
5.5	Honda Accord V6 Luxury	5
5.5	Holden Caprice WMII	2
5.5	Holden Calais VEII	2
5.5	Holden Calais VE	2
5.5	Ford Falcon G6E	1

In December 2007, Cabinet approved the QFleet ClimateSmart Action Plan 2007-2010 (Action Plan), which set vehicle carbon dioxide emission reduction targets for the QFleet fleet of 15 per cent by the end of 2010, and 25 per cent by the end of 2012, compared to a 30 June 2007 baseline.

While emphasis is placed on vehicle selection, purchasing specific models of vehicles is not the focus of the Action Plan. The emissions reduction targets are applied to the entire QFleet fleet and are achieved through a number of strategies outlined in the Action Plan.

One of the strategies QFleet has implemented is the application of Minimum Vehicle Emissions Standards, based on the Greenhouse Ratings from the Australian Government's Green Vehicle Guide (GVG), to reduce the number of unnecessary, higher-emission vehicles from the fleet. The current minimum vehicle emissions standards for the QFleet fleet are set at 5.5 for passenger vehicles and 3.5 for light commercial vehicles.

Although QFleet retains a mandate to determine the fleet mix and incorporates Minimum Vehicle Emissions Standards in its procurement of vehicles for Government, each vehicle selection decision is the responsibility of the leasing agency.

These strategies have contributed to the sustained shift to lower-emission vehicles and to the early achievement of the 2010 and 2012 fleet emissions reduction targets of 15 per cent in July 2009 and 25.7 per cent in November 2010, exceeding the 2012 target.

Petrol/electric Hybrid vehicles are among the lowest greenhouse gas emitting vehicles available in Australia. QFleet was an early adopter of hybrid vehicles and in fact evaluated six Toyota Prius vehicles in the Queensland Government fleet in 2001, even before they became commercially available.

More manufacturers now produce hybrid vehicles and QFleet offers four models to government agencies: the Toyota Prius, the Toyota Camry, the Honda Civic and the Honda Insight.

Further to your question, as at 30 May 2011, QFleet had 356 hybrid vehicles on lease to agencies comprising:

- Toyota Prius - 98
- Toyota Camry - 118
- Honda Civic - 138
- Honda Insight - 2.

QFleet continues to seek out improved vehicle technology that meets fit for purpose requirements while reducing the fleet's carbon dioxide emission reduction targets. In August 2010, QFleet took delivery of the Queensland Government's first pure electric 'plug in' vehicle, a Mitsubishi i-MiEV, which is now on long-term lease to the Department of Environment and Resource Management. I understand that the Honourable Kate Jones MP has driven the i-MiEV on a number of occasions now. Another two i-MiEVs joined the QFleet fleet in January 2011 and are currently being used by a variety of agencies to evaluate the potential for wider application of these vehicles in the fleet.