

Memorandum: Lord Mayor

Deputy Lord Mayor Elected Members

Response to Question Without Notice CITY OF HOBART FLEET VEHICLES

Meeting: City Infrastructure Committee Meeting date: 26 August 2020

Raised by: Lord Mayor Reynolds

Question:

(a) What is the utilisation of the City's car fleet and what would be considered as under-utilisation?

(b) Is there consideration of shrinking the fleet in line with budget cuts?

Response:

The City of Hobart owns a wide range of fleet to support operations and comprises of light vehicles, trucks, major plant and minor plant.

The light vehicle fleet includes cars, utilities and small motorbikes/scooters.

These vehicles are used for a range of duties including:

- Inspection and transport of staff to worksites and projects;
- Inspection of the City's assets (roads, stormwater, waste, building etc);
- Inspection of commercial food-related businesses by Health Officers;
- Inspection of sites associated with development applications and building works by developers;
- Meeting with the public and other authorities;
- Works at the City's various parks, bushland, sporting facilities, ovals and other sites;
- Investigation of traffic issues and parking compliance matters; and

Many other operational issues that require use of a vehicle.

Utilisation of these light vehicles is reviewed on a regular basis with the aim to have vehicles achieve annual mileage of 20,000km year. The vehicles are then due for renewal after a 5-year period (or having 100,000km). Vehicles identified as not having travelled the estimated annual distance are swapped within the fleet with vehicles which have exceeded the travelling distance. This process helps to ensure appropriate utilisation of the light vehicle fleet.

Mileage significantly less than 10,000km per year would be considered underutilisation with the retention of any such vehicle actively explored.

The organisational restructure of 2019 resulted in a number of fleet management efficiencies to occur, as well has the recent departure of several management positions resulting in a further 15% decrease in the number of light fleet vehicles.

This reduction in numbers will subsequently increase utilisation of the remaining vehicles.

Light vehicle usage and numbers continue to be reviewed, particularly following the resignation of staff and organisation restructures.

As signatory to this report, I certify that, pursuant to Section 55(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, I hold no interest, as referred to in Section 49 of the Local Government Act 1993, in matters contained in this report.

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