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DES Policy on Emergency Response Vehicles (ERV's) - Update

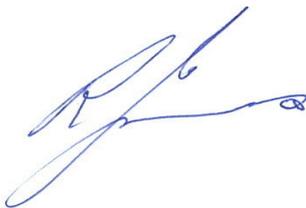
SOA Newsletter Issue No.10 provided advice on how senior officers should not submit individual business cases for home garaging, as indicated in the new DES policy on use of government owned motor vehicles.

On 2 June the SOA State President, State Secretary and John Cawcutt met with the Deputy Commissioner to discuss this issue. Two major points were discussed, being the impact of the DES policy on senior officers and the selection of vehicles that are suitable for use as ERV's.

On the first point, a suitable staff member from the Office of the Commissioner is formulating a business case for submission for all Chief Superintendents, Superintendents and Inspectors. This will cover all senior officers in all three streams where senior officers are employed (Scientific, Rural and Urban) and have access to ERV's. When an outcome from this business case is known, the SOA will be consulted on the outcomes. Until this point in time, the status quo will remain.

On the second point, the State Operations Directorate is developing a small "suite" of vehicles that are deemed "fit for purpose" as ERV's. This assessment includes ensuring vehicles that are proposed for use meet operational requirements and this will have different requirements for different locations. The State Operations Directorate is also working on identifying vehicles that are "fit for purpose" but also are the highest "green" rating to meet goals for emission reductions.

The SOA's view is that the primary driver is that vehicles must be fit for purpose and will support the outcomes from this assessment being conducted by the State Operations Directorate. This may or may not mean a different make and model of vehicle that has traditionally been used.



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