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Emergency Response Vehicles (ERV's)

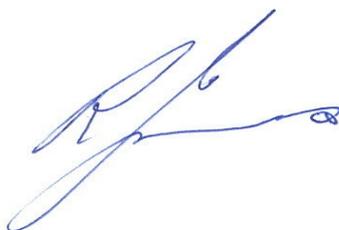
A topic of interest that has arisen is the type of vehicle that is suitable for use as an Emergency Response Vehicle (ERV). Information has been forwarded to the SOA Executive that senior officers may be receiving advice that replacement ERV's must be 4-cylinder cars only.

This topic was raised by the SOA Executive at a recent meeting with staff from the Deputy Commissioner's Office. The Deputy Commissioner was unavailable to attend due to unforeseen circumstances, so we proceeded with the meeting in order to place on the discussion table the topical issues that the SOA Executive had been asked to take forward on behalf of members. (Note: Preliminary feedback has been provided to those individual members regarding the issues that they asked to be raised).

The SOA provided advice that any ERV must be "fit for purpose" and we did not accept a blanket statement that replacement ERV's must be 4-cylinder cars, or any configuration that did not suit operational requirements. We were advised this issue would be discussed at the earliest opportunity. We have received a response and this is provided below.

At present the Deputy Commissioner has tasked the State Operations Branch to research and develop appropriate documentation/policies to standardize the QFRS ERV fleet.

In the interim it is the verbal position of the previous Deputy Commissioner that will remain in place. ERV's are to have the same minimum specifications as the QPS ERV "Police Pack". Holden Commodores and Ford Falcons, being that these vehicles have the necessary safety features to support the "fit for duty" requirements of QFRS ERV's, are to be used. This position will remain – pending further direction from the Commissioner or the Director-General.



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