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SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2006-2007 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: All
Output Group: All

DEST Question No. E421_07

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Refers to DEST Question No E016_06

Question:

Please update E016_06. How many SES (or equivalent) were issued cars by DEST on 23 November 2001 and how many in each of 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04, and 2004-05? If no new figures are available since this question was last answered please identify the most recently provided answer to this question?

Please provide a breakdown of all costs incurred by year and type for these cars for each year since 2001.

Answer:

SES Vehicles

Details on the number of SES employees issued with a vehicle by DEST up to 2006 were provided in E016_06. Details for 2006 are as follows:

At 30 June 2006: 45

This is the number of vehicles as at 30 June and fluctuates throughout the year, resulting in no direct correlation between the number of vehicles and annual lease costs.

Total lease costs incurred by year for these cars since 2001 is as follows:

At 30 June 2001: \$656,257.06

At 30 June 2002: \$623,761.89

At 30 June 2003: \$610,788.84

At 30 June 2004: \$694,620.88

At 30 June 2005: \$735,248.78

At 30 June 2006: \$949,217.03

Total costs have increased due to a number of factors including increasing SES staff numbers, lease and fuel costs and new vehicle models.