

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Finance and Administration

Budget Estimates Hearings 2003-04 – 28 & 29 May 2003

Question: F65

Outcome 1, 2 and 3, Output 1.1, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 3.1

Topic: Motor Vehicle allowance and Salary for Superannuation Purposes.

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Senator Kim Carr asked:

(1) Have any agencies within your portfolio introduced arrangements whereby SES or other staff who are entitled to a motor vehicle as part of their remuneration are able to cash the vehicle out and have the cashed out amount count as salary for superannuation purposes?

(2) If so:

- (a) When were these arrangements introduced and do they still apply?
- (b) In what agencies do they apply?
- (c) What was the policy justification for the arrangement in each agency?
- (d) Were any actuarial calculations made of the long-term costs of these arrangements? If so, what were the details of these estimates? If no calculations were made why was this not done?

Answer:

(1) NO

(2) Not applicable in the light of (1)