

**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2003-04 - PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS -
QUESTIONS ON NOTICE -**

P16, P18, P20 & P22

Department of the Parliamentary Reporting Staff

Senator Carr asked the following questions of each parliamentary department:

(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?

The Department of the Parliamentary Reporting Staff has supplied the following information in relation to Senator Carr's questions:

(1) No.

(2) Not applicable.