

**Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Finance and Administration Portfolio**

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**Question: F28**

**Outcome 3, Output 3.1**

**Topic: *Members of Parliament (Life Gold Pass) Act 2002* - Definition of the word 'vehicle'**

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**Senator Faulkner asked:**

I know, but is 'vehicle' defined?

**Answer:**

The word 'vehicle' is defined in a number of specific Acts and regulations, some of which are referred to below.

For example, the word 'vehicle' is defined in section 5A of the *Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989* (MVA) as follows:

*A reference in this Act to a vehicle is to be taken as including a type or class of vehicles, unless otherwise specified.*

'**Motor vehicle**' is also defined in section 5 of the MVA to mean:

*a vehicle that uses, or is designed to use, volatile spirit, gas, oil, electricity or any other power (not being human or animal power) as the principal means of propulsion, but does not include a vehicle used on a railway or tramway.*

'**Road motor vehicle**' is also defined in section 5 to mean:

- (a) *a motor vehicle designed solely or principally for the transport on public roads of people, animals or goods; or*
- (b) *a motor vehicle that is permitted to be used on public roads.*

The word 'vehicle', or 'vehicular', is not defined in *Members of Parliament (Life Gold Pass) Act 2002* (the Act), nor are the words defined in the *Members of Parliament (Life Gold Pass) Regulations 2002*. However, the scheduled transport services defined in section 4 of the Act align with the modes of scheduled commercial transport for Senators and Members, with the exception of charter transport, outlined in Clause 2.3 of Remuneration Tribunal Determination 2006/18 and its predecessor determinations 2005/9, 2003/14 and 1998/26.