

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Finance and Administration

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Topic: Allowance in lieu of electorate private-plated vehicle

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Senator Robert Ray asked:

Again, you might need to take this on notice: how many members and senators have taken up this alternative? Could you also take on notice whether there is any restriction on office holders who are entitled to a COMCAR in their home state accessing this new entitlement. Do you understand the question? You are entitled to an electorate car and in some cases you are entitled to a COMCAR. I want to know whether anyone has dispensed with the electorate car, substituted a COMCAR and pocketed the \$19,500—though I very much doubt that that has happened.

Answer:

Four Senators and Members have taken up the option of an allowance in lieu of a Private-Plated Vehicle. There is no change to the entitlement to use COMCAR.