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QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE (Of which some notice has been given)

Thursday, 28 November 2013

Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

I refer to the article in the Sunday Times, 'MPs vote for V8power,' featured on 24 November 2013, and I ask:

- (1) Can the Premier confirm that he and four of his ministers have opted for a V8 powered vehicle as their government car?
- (2) If yes to (1), can the Premier explain why he has opted for a V8 over a more fuel efficient and lower CO₂e emission vehicles?
- (3) Other than the approved vehicles listed in the article and compared to a V8, does the pool of government vehicles offer more fuel efficient and lower gas emission vehicles?
- (4) If yes to (3) what are they?
- (5) If no to (3), why not?

I thank the Hon. Member for some notice of this question.

- (1) There are currently three V8 Holden Caprices in the ministerial fleet with one on order for Minister Baston.
- (2) The new model Holden Caprice is only available with a V8 ULP engine. The 6 cylinder ULP engine has been replaced with a LPG powered V6 engine. With the limited LPG fuel outlets across the metropolitan and rural areas; this may have a critical impact on the operational use of this type of vehicle. GM Holden has adapted the V8 engine to operate using the Active Fuel Management system. This system increases fuel economy and reduces Greenhouse Gas emissions by only using half the engines cylinders under certain conditions. Importantly it is manufactured in Australia.
- (3)–(5) In June 2010, the Premier approved a uniform fleet of vehicles (white colour only) for Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries and Office holders of the Parliament as follows:
 - Holden Caprice V6 ULP Automatic
 - Ford G6E V6 ULP Automatic
 - Toyota Prado GXL 3.0L Turbo Diesel Automatic (only for demonstrated regional use)

In moving to a uniform fleet, only the mentioned vehicles are approved as Ministerial vehicles.

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