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Government Vehicle Purchases 2017/18

In the 2017-18 budget, \$400,000 was appropriated for the purchase of motor vehicles and other capital equipment.

This year's vehicle purchases were considered in line with the Cook Islands Government Financial Policies and Procedures Manual (CIGFPPM) and the new Government Fleet Management Policy 2018 (Policy). The Policy was designed to ensure that government motor vehicles are identified, purchased, sold, and transferred in ways that support government operations, sustainability, and provide optimal value for money.

A total of 41 requests were received worth \$870,780 from 14 different agencies. Of these 14 agencies, eight (8) agency applications were approved for a total of 23 motor vehicles at \$371,234. The remainder of this fund will be used to cover shipping costs and additional insurance for vehicles that are to be purchased for the Pa Enea. The drawdown of the full \$400,000 as recommended by the Capital Fund Committee (CFC) was approved by Cabinet on the 17 April 2018. The CFC members include the Financial Secretary, a Cook Islands Investment Corporation (CIIC) representative and takes advice from the Budget Support Group.

The CFC Secretariat will lead the procurement of all approved motor vehicle requests. The majority of vehicles will be bulk purchased via a Tender process to ensure value for money is obtained. A few job specific vehicles will be procured via a separate Quote process.

Vehicles being replaced will be recalled for disposal, sale or transfer where necessary.

The future government vehicle fleet will include electric vehicles. Some research is underway to determine when this should happen, and will be based upon costs savings over whole of life, reduction in emissions, and proven reliability.

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