

**Question on Notice  
No. 534  
Asked on 22 August 2012**

MRS MILLER asked the Minister for Housing and Public Works (DR FLEGG)-

**QUESTION:**

Will the Minister provide a month-by-month breakdown of vehicles purchased, leased or otherwise acquired or ordered by QFleet in 2011-12 and a month-by-month breakdown of vehicles acquired or ordered or planned to be acquired or ordered in 2012-13 categorised by the (a) department or agency to which each vehicle was or will be assigned, (b) vehicle class for each vehicle, (c) make and model of each vehicle, (d) participating dealership through which each vehicle was acquired or planned to be acquired and (e) main geographic location of each vehicle?

**ANSWER:**

QFleet, a Commercialised Business Unit in the Department of Housing and Public Works, manages a fleet of more than 13 000 motor vehicles on behalf of the Government. Vehicles are leased to a diverse range of 13 departments and some 200 other authorities and entitled organisations across the State. Other fleets of specialised vehicles are managed separately by the Queensland Police Service and the Department of Community Safety for example ambulances and fire engines.

To provide the information in the format requested – a month-by-month breakdown of each vehicle procured by agency, class, make, model, dealership and geographic location – would be onerous and require significant resources.

In addition, the document would contain more than 4000 line entries.

I can advise that a total of 2667 passenger and 1453 light commercial vehicles were ordered by QFleet on behalf of Queensland Government departments by vehicle manufacturers in the 2011-12 financial year.

The attached table summarises vehicle orders for the 2011-12 financial year by region and by department (refer to **Attachment 1**).

The Government has recently taken a number of steps aimed at reducing the cost of running the QFleet fleet, including a decision to order only essential new vehicles for 12 months.

This supports the Queensland Government's commitment to returning the State budget to surplus, restoring Queensland's AAA credit rating, and finding savings to fund election commitments.

The effective date of commencement for discontinuation is 19 June 2012.

There is a contingency, on a whole-of-State basis, for up to 400 new vehicles to be ordered during this period, should exceptional circumstances arise. Such circumstances include vehicles with very high usage (kilometres), those that operate in harsh environments; that are written-off in accidents; instances where workplace health and safety issues arise; or special build vehicles where there is no other alternative. It is not possible to predict in what locations these various situations may occur.

Further savings will be achieved by extending existing leases by 12 months and a progressive overall reduction in the size of the fleet by ten per cent over the next two years.

Should the Honourable Member have a specific concern, she is welcome to refer the matter to my office.

## Summary of QFleet vehicle orders by region and by department in 2011-12

	Brisbane Metro	Burdekin	Cape York	Capricornia	Darling Downs	Far West	South Coast	Sunshine Coast	Whitsunday	Wide Bay/ Burnett	Interstate*	Total
Department of Communities	143	28	51	28	39	15	46	41	8	37	0	436
Department of Community Safety	190	8	9	12	17	2	15	11	2	5	0	271
Department of Education and Training	165	40	41	40	64	16	5	23	18	51	0	463
Department of Employment Economic Development and Innovation	79	28	26	35	37	9	2	9	10	13	0	248
Department of Environment and Resource Management	47	20	55	24	48	1	13	16	8	40	0	272
Department of Justice and Attorney General	98	12	10	8	17	0	15	11	7	6	0	184
Department of Local Government and Planning	2	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	8
Department of Public Works	133	12	24	8	11	6	8	13	3	15	1	234
Department of the Premier and Cabinet	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Department of Transport and Main Roads	162	63	41	84	74	25	55	35	25	67	0	631
Ministerial Services	16	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
Queensland Health	430	79	148	87	90	18	70	134	29	90	0	1175
Queensland Treasury	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Non-core organisations	91	9	21	15	9	1	5	0	3	11	0	165
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1572</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4120</b>

\* Vehicle had to be sourced from New South Wales due to availability issues.