<u>PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION</u>
<u>THURSDAY, 25 May 2026</u>

82/2026 Hon. Premila Kumar to ask the Minister for Finance, Commerce and Business Development – Can the Minister inform Parliament on the following –

(1) number of accidents involving Government vehicles from March 2023 to April 2026, including the total cost of repairs and write-offs, and

(2) a detailed breakdown of fuel expenditure for all Government vehicles (owned or leased), on a yearly basis from 2023 to date, and on a month-by-month basis for 2026 (January to May)

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1) Number of accidents involving Government vehicles from March 2023 to April 2026, including the total cost of repairs and write-offs,

- From March 2023 to April 2026 there have been **826** vehicle accidents.

- The total estimated cost of repairs for the accidents amount is around **$7.39 million** However, leased vehicles are all insured, and Government has only been responsible for the insurance excess amount of **$575,894.90**. The insurance excess costs are recovered from negligent drivers through the surcharge process upon the advice of the Solicitor-General.

- During the same period, **86 leased vehicles** were written off, with an estimated value of **$4.18 million** and a sum of **$87,450.00** has been paid as insurance excess and will be recovered from the negligent drivers through surcharge process.

(2) a detailed breakdown of fuel expenditure for all Government vehicles (owned or leased), on a yearly basis from 2023 to date, and on a month-by-month basis for 2026 (January to May)

- Total Government fuel expenditure from **January 2023 to date** was **$39.84 million**.
- Total fuel rebates received during the period amounted to **$2.32 million**.
- Annual fuel expenditure:
  i. 2023: **$11.32 million**
  ii. 2024: **$12.13 million**
  iii. 2025: **$10.97 million**
  iv. 2026 (to date): **$5.43 million**

While Government continues to experience vehicle accidents across its fleet, prudent insurance arrangements have limited the fiscal impact on taxpayers. At the same time, strengthened fleet oversight, driver accountability measures and fuel management initiatives are producing positive results, with fuel consumption trending downward and ministries actively contributing to cost containment efforts.