



Acting Attorney-General, Honourable Siromi Turaga

TUESDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 2026

PARLIAMENTARY RESPONSE TO WRITTEN QUESTION NO. 223/2026

Hon. Inia Seruiratu to ask the Acting Attorney-General and Minister for Justice – Can the Minister inform Parliament on the Legal Aid Commission's motor vehicle fleet for the period 1 January 2023 to 31 July 2026, and provide –

- (a) the total number of new motor vehicles purchased during this period, with a breakdown by make, model, year of purchase and purchase price for each vehicle;**

Legal Aid Commission's Motor Vehicle Fleet for the period 1 January 2023 to 31 July 2026			
Total Number of New Motor Vehicles	Motor Vehicle Make/Model	Year of Purchase	Purchase Price
1	Toyota Hi-Ace (MQ741) 2.8L 14 Seater - Manual	01/12/23	\$ 85,900.00
2	Toyota Hilux Double Cab 2.8L (MR699) Auto - High Spec	29/12/23	\$ 122,900.00
3	Toyota Hi-Ace (MT560) 2.8L 14 Seater - Manual	27/02/24	\$ 85,900.00
4	Toyota Hi-Ace (MU613) 2.8L 14 Seater - Manual	19/03/24	\$ 85,900.00
5	Toyota Hilux (MV174) Double Cab 2.4L (Mid Spec)	16/04/24	\$ 95,900.00
6	Toyota Hilux (MV175) Double Cab 2.4L (Mid Spec)	16/04/24	\$ 95,900.00
7	Toyota Hilux (MV176) Double Cab 2.4L (Mid Spec)	16/04/24	\$ 95,900.00
8	Toyota Hilux (MW175) Double Cab 2.4L (Mid Spec)	22/05/24	\$ 95,900.00
9	Toyota Hilux (MX147) Double Cab 2.4L (Mid Spec)	18/06/24	\$ 95,900.00
10	Kia Sorento 2025 (ON432) AWD 7 Seater	22/08/25	\$ 99,000.00
11	Kia Sorento 2025 (ON433) AWD 7 Seater	22/08/25	\$ 99,000.00
12	Kia Sorento 2025 (ON434) AWD 7 Seater	22/08/25	\$ 99,000.00
13	Toyota Hilux [OO356] Manual Double Cab 2.4L (STD Spec-White)	01/09/25	\$ 88,288.00
14	Toyota Hilux [OO357] Manual Double Cab 2.4L (STD Spec-White)	01/09/25	\$ 88,288.00
15	Toyota Hilux [OO366] Manual Double Cab 2.4L (STD Spec-White)	01/09/25	\$ 88,288.00
16	Toyota Hilux [OO359] Manual Double Cab 2.4L (STD Spec-White)	01/09/25	\$ 91,900.00
17	Toyota Hilux [OO368] Manual Double Cab 2.4L (STD Spec-Black)	01/09/25	\$ 91,900.00
18	Toyota Hilux [OR590] Manual Double Cab 2.4L (MID Spec-Attitude Black)	24/11/25	\$ 97,337.00
19	Toyota Hilux [OO281] Automatic Double Cab 2.8L (MID Spec-Grey)	01/09/25	\$ 117,195.65
20	Toyota Hiace 2.8L [OO092] Manual (White)	02/09/25	\$ 91,565.22
21	Toyota Hiace [OP591] 2.8L - Automatic (Silver)	09/10/25	\$ 95,282.61
22	Kia Sorento 2025 [OQ554] 2WD 5 Seater	27/10/25	\$ 91,000.00

During the period 1 January 2023 to 31 July 2026, the Legal Aid Commission purchased a total of 22 new motor vehicles. Nine (9) vehicles were purchased during 2023 and 2024, and a further 13 vehicles were purchased in 2025 to meet the Commission's growing operational requirements. The acquisition of these vehicles formed part of the Commission's fleet replacement and strengthening programme, with emphasis placed on durability, longevity and reliability. Although some vehicles had a higher initial acquisition cost, the Commission considered the longer-term operating cost of the fleet, including the need to reduce recurring expenditure on maintenance and repairs.

- (b) the total number of motor vehicles written off during this period, with a breakdown by make and model, year of write-off and the reason for each vehicle being written off; and

Legal Aid Commission's Written Off Motor Vehicle Fleet for the period 1 January 2023 to 31 July 2026			
Total Number of Written Off Motor Vehicle	Motor Vehicle Make/Model	Year of Written Off	Reason of Written Off
1	FORD RANGER 2022 4X4 TWIN CAB (MB 384) - ABSOLUTE BLACK/BLACK	26/01/2024	Vehicle was involved in an accident.

- (c) the total number of motor vehicles disposed of through tender during this period, with a breakdown by make and model, year of disposal and final selling price for each vehicle.

Legal Aid Commission's Fleet Disposed off Through Tender for the period 1st January 2023 to 31 July 2026					
Total Number of Motor Vehicle Disposed	Vehicle #	Vehicle Make	Year Model	Year of Disposal	Final Selling Price
1	HF899	Kia Sportage		2023	\$ 4,320.00
2	FQ 074	Mitsubishi Lancer		2023	\$ 686.15
3	FL 768	MAZDA	2008	2024	\$ 500.00
4	HO 177	FORD RANGER	2014	2024	\$ 12,200.00
5	HO 178	FORD RANGER	2014	2024	\$ 14,200.00
6	HN 958	NISSAN NAVARA D40	2014	2024	\$ 14,000.00
7	HN959	NISSAN NAVARA D40	2014	2024	\$ 12,000.00
8	HN 960	NISSAN NAVARA D40	2014	2024	\$ 13,500.00
9	HN 961	HYUNDAI SENTAPE	2014	2024	\$ 15,000.00
10	IY 490	TOYOTA HILUX	2017	2024	\$ 38,000.00
11	IY 486	TOYOTA HILUX	2017	2025	\$ 48,000.25
12	IY 487	TOYOTA HILUX	2017	2025	\$ 47,600.25
13	IY 489	TOYOTA HILUX	2017	2025	\$ 40,000.00
14	IY 801	TOYOTA HILUX	2017	2025	\$ 42,550.00
15	IY 802	TOYOTA HILUX	2017	2025	\$ 42,200.00
16	IZ 501	TOYOTA HILUX	2017	2025	\$ 42,000.00
17	IY 413	KIA SORENTO	2016	2025	\$ 30,120.00
18	IY 414	KIA SORENTO	2016	2025	\$ 25,500.00

Operational Context and Rationale

Over the period 2023 to 2026, the Commission progressively replaced and strengthened its motor vehicle fleet to meet increasing operational demands. The purchase of 22 vehicles must therefore be considered in the context of the Commission's nationwide service-delivery responsibilities and the need to maintain a dependable fleet for day-to-day operations.

A significant operational requirement is the First Hour Procedure, under which the Commission provides legal assistance within the first hour of a person being detained at a police station or police post. This requires officers to travel to police facilities across the country, in addition to undertaking awareness and outreach activities in rural and maritime areas.

These responsibilities are carried out while the Commission sustains its normal office operations. Reliable vehicles are therefore essential to support the Commission's service delivery and operational commitments.

The Commission's approach to vehicle acquisition was not based on the initial purchase price alone. Consideration was also given to durability, longevity and the anticipated cost of maintaining the vehicles over time. Purchasing newer and more durable vehicles was intended to reduce the frequency and cost of maintenance and repairs and, in turn, reduce annual expenditure associated with an older fleet. During the same period, one Ford Ranger Twin Cab was written off following a motor vehicle accident, while 18 older vehicles were disposed of through tender as reflected in the table above.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the 22 vehicles purchased between 2023 and 2025 were acquired to maintain a reliable and durable fleet for the Commission's growing operational requirements. While some vehicles involved a higher initial acquisition cost, the objective was to reduce recurring maintenance and repair expenditure through greater durability and longevity. The purchases formed part of the broader replacement of older vehicles and support continuity of the First Hour Procedure, rural and maritime outreach, and the Commission's normal nationwide operations.
