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**QUESTION 1895**

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**1895. Mr R A P Trollip (ActionSA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture:**

- (1) Whether, given recent reports that he has supposedly shunned the use of luxury vehicles fitted with blue lights, he will provide clarity on the modes of transport that are utilised for official duties; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether he makes use of (a) vehicles fitted with blue lights and/or (b) other high-security transport measures; if not, what (i) alternative transportation arrangements are employed and (ii) is the (aa) make, (bb) total number and (cc) total cost of the vehicles used; if so, what are the (aaa) reasons and (bbb) protocols governing their use, including any official guidelines and/or criteria applied? **NW3223E**

**THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE:**

- (1) Yes, the modes of transport used by the Minister of Agriculture for official duties are departmental-owned executive vehicles and air transport.
- (2)(a) Yes, all the executive vehicles are fitted with blue lights and the appropriate signalling systems.
- (i),(ii)(aa),(bb),(cc) Falls away.
- (aaa) Section 58(3) of the National Road Traffic Act (NRTA) makes provision for the utilization of sirens and the appropriate lamp in vehicles by the person appointed under the South African Police Service Act in the execution of their duties. Section 58(3)(b) of the National Road Traffic Act (NRTA) read with Road Traffic Regulation 176 (c)(3)(b) of 2000. The VIP Protection Officers are appointed under the South African Police Act and execute their duties, which include but are not limited to the transportation of executives, with the official vehicles provided and fitted for the purpose.
- (bbb) The Guide for Members of the Executive as approved by the President, which is the current policy document under which executive vehicles are procured, came into effect on 13 April 2022.
- (2)(b) No alternative high-security transport measures are being utilized.
- (i) None. (ii)(aa) The current vehicles used are a 2018 Audi Q7, 2019 Toyota Prado and 2020 BMW X5.
- (ii)(bb) The executive fleet allocated to the Ministry consists of three (3) vehicles.
- (ii)(cc) The combined purchase price of the three (3) vehicles is R2 806 906.30.