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#### **QUESTION 1**

Which TAC's received vehicles?

**DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSE:** The list of TACs who received vehicles is attached.

#### **QUESTION 2**

How many vehicles did each TAC receive?

**DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSE:** Each of the 30 TACs received One (1) vehicle.

#### **QUESTION 3**

What vehicles did each receive and what was the cost of each vehicle?

**DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSE:** The following vehicles were purchased by the Department using the National Treasury contract RT57, at prices prevailing in quarter 4 of the financial year 2025/26



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| TYPE OF VEHICLE                    | QUANTITY | NATIONAL TREASURY RT57 CONTRACT PRICES AS AT QUARTER 4 OF FINANCIAL YEAR 2025/2026 |
|------------------------------------|----------|--|
| GWM P300 D/C 2.4 TD LT 4X4 AT      | X18      | R 563 494,64 <i>per vehicle</i>  |
| FORD EVEREST 2.0L BIT XLT 4X2 10AT | X12      | R 772 259,41 <i>per vehicle</i>  |

### QUESTION 4.

Were these vehicles donated to the current Traditional Leaders or the TAC.

**DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSE:** The vehicles were procured in Quarter 4 of the 2025/26 financial year. They are intended to be allocated to the Traditional Councils (TACs) in accordance with applicable legislation and regulations.

The process of allocation and transfer is currently underway and is expected to be finalised by the end of Quarter 1 of the 2026/2027.

### QUESTION 5

If a leader is no longer in office will the vehicles be transferred to the next leader.

**DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSE:** The vehicles are allocated to Traditional Councils as tools of trade and are not assigned to individual traditional leaders.

Accordingly, the vehicles remain the property of the relevant Traditional Council and will continue to be utilised for official purposes, irrespective of any change in leadership.

### QUESTION 6

Have these vehicles been donated or remain the property of the Department of COGTA;

**DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSE:** The vehicles currently remain the property of the Department. Ownership will be transferred to the respective TACs upon completion of the allocation and transfer process, in line with applicable legislation and regulations.



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### QUESTION 7

If donated what are the tax implications of the donation; Who is responsible for the fuel expenses, maintenance and insurance of these vehicles; [Provide an indication of relevant costs]

**DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSE:** There are no tax implications associated with the transfer of the vehicles. Upon completion of the allocation and transfer process, the responsibility for fuel, maintenance, and insurance will vest with the beneficiary TAC, as part of their operational costs.

An exact cost estimate cannot be provided, as these will vary depending on usage, location, and service requirements of each Traditional Council.

The department provides fuel cards to full-time EXCO members of the Provincial House of Traditional Leaders and the Khoi-San and confirms that such cards are issued under the approved travel and subsistence policy for official duties, with eligibility limited to full-time EXCO members and restricted to official use within predefined monthly limits and transaction controls.

### QUESTION 8

Provide the list of TAC's that are next in line to receive these vehicles this year and over the next years;

**DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSE:** The list of TACs to receive vehicles for the 2026/27 financial year has not yet been finalised. The final list will be confirmed once all internal processes have been concluded.

### QUESTION 9

What has been the total cost spent on vehicles this year;

**DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSE:** The total amount spent on the procurement of vehicles for Amakhosi in the 2025/26 financial year is R19 410 016,44.

The procurement was undertaken in accordance with the National Treasury contract RT57 for the 2025/26 financial year, based on Quarter 4 pricing.

### QUESTION 10.

Which part of the COGTA budget had to be adjusted to make provision for the purchase of these vehicles;

**DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSE:** The acquisition of the vehicles was funded through internal reprioritisation within the Department's existing budget.

Savings were realised from delays in the filling of vacant posts, due to the job evaluation process, as well as delays in the procurement of servers that had been provided for in the adjustment estimates. These



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savings were redirected to fund the vehicle procurement without exceeding the Department's overall allocation.

### QUESTION 11

Considering the constrained fiscal environment, we find ourselves in is this purchase affordable to the Department now and in the next years; and

**DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSE:** The funding of these vehicles was funded through an internal reprioritisation within the current financial year. Reprioritisation will be carried out throughout the future MTEF period. These items will now form part of the Department's baseline budget for future financial years.

### QUESTION 12

Which factors were taken into consideration when the decision was made as to which vehicle to purchase?

**DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSE:** The selection of the vehicle type was informed by the following considerations:

- Suitability for the terrain and operational environments in which the vehicles will be utilised;
- Preference for automatic transmission to minimise wear and tear, particularly on clutch and gearbox components; and
- Fuel efficiency of new vehicles, with a view to reducing long-term operational costs.

Yours faithfully,

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HONOURABLE MEC FOR COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS

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## ANNEXURE A

### BENEFICIARY LIST

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The list below reflects the beneficiaries identified in the presentation, categorised according to Provincial House EXCO membership, Chairpersons and Deputy Chairpersons of Local Houses, and additional district members.

#### 1. Consolidated Beneficiary List

| No. | Name            | Category   | Role/Status                               | District                | TAC Name             |
|-----|-----------------|------------|---|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 1   | Inkosi Mchunu   | Category 1 | PHTKL EXCO Member                         | Umzinyathi              | Amachunu             |
| 2   | Inkosi MSI Zulu | Category 1 | PHTKL EXCO Member                         | Harry Gwala             | Madzikane/Nokweja    |
| 3   | Inkosi Molefe   | Category 1 | PHTKL EXCO Member                         | Umzinyathi              | Molefe               |
| 4   | Inkosi Ndebele  | Category 1 | PHTKL EXCO Member                         | Zululand                | Ndebele              |
| 5   | Inkosi Zwane    | Category 1 | PHTKL EXCO Member                         | Amajuba                 | Ingwe                |
| 6   | Inkosi Zwane    | Category 1 | PHTKL EXCO Member                         | Uthukela                | Ingwe                |
| 7   | Inkosi Majozi   | Category 1 | PHTKL EXCO Member                         | Umgungundlovu           | Qamu                 |
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| 9   | Prince S.G Zulu | Category 1 | His Majesty's Representative – PHTKL EXCO | Provincial / PHTKL EXCO | Isilo Representative |
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| 11  | Inkosi Mpungose | Category 2 | Deputy Chairperson, Local House           | Zululand                | Mpungose             |
| 12  | Inkosi Mlaba    | Category 2 | Chairperson, Local House                  | EThekwini               | Ximba                |
| 13  | Inkosi Ngcobo   | Category 2 | Chairperson, Local House                  | Ugu                     | Amanyuswa            |
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## 2. Summary by Category

| Category   | Description  | Number of Beneficiaries |
|------------|--|-------------------------|
| Category 1 | PHTKL EXCO Members                                   | 9                       |
| Category 2 | Chairpersons and Deputy Chairpersons of Local Houses | 8                       |
| Category 3 | Additional District Members                          | 14                      |
|            | Total  | 31                      |

## 3. District Coverage Summary

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| Amajuba     | 1                                 |
| EThekwini   | 2                                 |
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| Ilembe                  | 2  |
| King Cetshwayo District | 4  |
| Ugu                     | 3  |
| Umgungundlovu           | 2  |
| Umkhanyakude            | 3  |
| Umzinyathi              | 4  |
| Uthukela                | 3  |
| Zululand                | 4  |
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