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Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of Wednesday 22 November, in which you requested information about the Social Wellbeing Agency's use of vehicles (petrol, diesel and electric), taxis and ride-sharing apps. Answers to your questions are below in blue.

1. What was the department's Taxi expenditure for the 2022/23 financial year?
[SWA's expenditure on taxis for the 2022/23 year was \\$1,622.89.](#)
2. What was the department's expenditure on ridesharing apps (such as Uber, Ola, Zoomy, YourRide etc) for the 2022/23 financial year?
[SWA had no expenditure on ridesharing apps for the 2022/23 year.](#)
- a. If the agency does not separate out taxi expenditure from other ride sharing expenditure, please indicate whether ridesharing or taxi use is the default/most common when such a service is needed and provide and a rough estimate of the proportion of trips that are taken via ridesharing vs taxi
3. What was the department's expenditure on public transport (busses, trains, ferries, etc) for the 2022/23 financial year?
[SWA's expenditure on public transport for the 2022/23 year was \\$84.34.](#)
4. What was the department's other road travel expenditure (running costs of vehicles owned by your agencies, hire cars etc but excluding flights) for the 2022/23 financial year?
[SWA does not own any vehicles and as such has no running costs. In the 2022/23 year it spent \\$473.62 on car hire and \\$287.40 on car parking, for example, at airports while travelling.](#)
5. Does the department have internal policies banning their staff or advising them against using ride-sharing apps for work travel? If so, what are these policies?
[SWA does not have any such policy in place but it does have an overall Travel Policy.](#)

6. Does the department have any concerns about their staff using ride-sharing apps for work travel?
No this has not been an issue for SWA.
7. If the department does not currently use ridesharing, please indicate why not? Similarly, if the department does not use ridesharing as the default over taxis, please indicate why not.
SWA's Travel Policy guides staff in making transport decisions. Where appropriate, staff are encouraged to walk or use public transport. When travelling, the use of either taxis or ride sharing is left to individual staff member to decide.
8. Has the department purchased any vehicles over the 2022/2023 financial year? If so, how many were electric, diesel and petrol and what was the cost of these purchases broken down by vehicle type (electric, diesel, petrol)?
SWA has not purchased any vehicles.
9. What is the running cost of all the department's vehicles?
SWA does not own any vehicles.
10. Please provide an estimate on the number of kilometres travelled by staff via land transport in the 2022/23 financial year.
The estimated of the number of kilometres travelled by staff in the 2022/23 year is 795km. This total does not include taxi mileage.

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