

**Motor Vehicles Purchased by the Department of Foreign Affairs  
Year ended 31 December 2022**

The Department of Foreign Affairs purchases motor vehicles to facilitate the efficient functioning and smooth operations of HQ and its Missions abroad. In particular, Mission staff are required to undertake a significant volume of travel in the performance of their official functions. This ranges from city journeys during the working day and in the evening, to long journeys of up to several hundred miles by road. As well as demanding schedules, in many cases there are also issues related to limited availability of public transport, security considerations and location. Official vehicles also provide an important logistical support to Missions.

Motor vehicles are used for as long as they can be operated in a safe and efficient manner without excessive maintenance costs or substantial reduction in their trade-in value. In general, sanction to replace an official vehicle will be given only where the vehicle is old; where there are security, safety or environmental considerations; where there is a business requirement for the purchase or replacement; or the cost of maintenance/operating are increasing to an extent that maintaining the vehicle is no longer economical. When sanctioning the purchase of vehicles for Missions abroad, consideration is given to the climate, terrain, safety and security issues which prevail in the country as well as environmental considerations.

Vehicle purchases must comply with the Department's Green Foreign Ministry policy of minimising our carbon footprint. The Department is committed to procuring vehicles with a reduced environmental impact throughout their life-cycle and focuses on more fuel-efficient models. Factors like pollutant emissions, fuel efficiency and noise levels are taken into account when considering vehicle specifications. The procurement process initially reviews the feasibility of electric vehicles. Then it considers hybrid options and finally vehicles with low carbon emissions. It should be noted that some of our Missions operate in difficult environments where security and health and safety issues will be a significant factor when deciding on an official vehicle.

Below are the details of the vehicles purchased by the Department in 2022:

<b>VOTE 28</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Make &amp; Model</b>	<b>Net Cost</b>	<b>Previous Vehicle</b>	<b>Description</b>
Irish Secretariat Belfast	Hybrid	Lexus ES 300h	37,940.82	n/a	New Vehicle
Brussels (Embassy)	Hybrid	Audi A6 50 TFSI	43,467.56	Audi A6	Replacement Vehicle
Manilla	Diesel	Toyota Fortuner 2.8L	31,464.00	n/a	New Mission
Mexico	Petrol	Ford Explorer (Armoured Vehicle)	105,145.78	VW Passat V6	Replacement Vehicle
OSCE Vienna	Diesel	Mercedes-Benz C220 d Estate	36,857.82	VW Passat Highline	Replacement Vehicle
Paris	Hybrid	Citroen C5 X Hybrid	25,758.00	BMW 730d	Replacement Vehicle
HQ	Electric	Opel eVivaro Spl2H1	42,481.00	Citroen Dispatch Van	Replacement Vehicle
Riyadh	Petrol	Yukon 2022 SLE	45,588.08	Mercedes Benz E200	Replacement Vehicle
Shanghai	Hybrid	Volvo S90 B5	34,439.76	BMW 520	Replacement Vehicle
Tehran	Petrol	Toyota Fortuner GX	32,053.97	n/a	New Mission

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Malawi	Diesel	Toyota Land Cruiser Prado TXL	37,681.92	Toyota Land Cruiser Prado	Replacement Vehicle
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Sierra Leone	Diesel	Toyota Land Cruiser 300 GX-R Station Wagon	43,521.92	Toyota Land Cruiser Hardtop	Replacement Vehicle
Zambia	Petrol	Toyota RAV4	28,198.43	Suzuki Grand Vitara	Replacement Vehicle