



Queensland Government

Office of the Premier

MEMORANDUM

TO: MIKE GOODMAN – DIRECTOR
MINISTERIAL SERVICES BRANCH

FROM: ROB WHIDDON

DATE: 18 SEPTEMBER 2006

RE: MINISTERIAL CARS

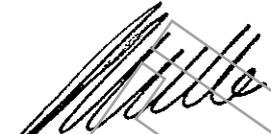
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Chris for advise pls.

Minister Paul Lucas called me today about the new Holden Caprice cars which are on order.

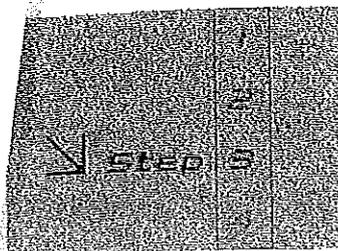
He says they have optional satellite navigation which he believes would be very useful in Ministerial cars subject to costing.

Can you please advise me whether MSB would recommend this, taking in to account the costs.


Rob Whiddon
Chief of Staff

Ministerial Services Correspondence	
Officer: Chris	
Task Allocated: Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Date: 29/9/2006	
Due Date: 20/9/2006	
Please remember to update the status in Outlook as 'Completed' or as '100% Complete' once the task has been completed or finalised.	

Build & Price



Step 3 of 4

Choose your engine/transmission type, options and accessories for your Caprice:

* Recommended Retail Price (RRP) does not include Dealer delivery and Government charges, or fitting and labour costs for accessories. Pricing for alloy wheels excludes tyres. Pricing for body kits and spoilers are for primed parts only.

1. Select an engine/transmission type:

- Caprice 3.6L 5 speed automatic High Output Alloytec V6 \$65,990.00 F
- Caprice 6.0L 6 speed automatic Generation 4 Alloy V8 \$69,990.00 F

2. Select the options you would like to add:

- Satellite navigation (available late 2006) \$1,990.00 F
- Electric tilt and slide sunroof \$1,690.00 F

3. Select the accessories you would like to add:

NB. Fitting and labour not included in RRP

- Roof racks \$269.50 F
- Premium carpet floor mats - set of 4 \$143.00 F
- Rubber floor mats \$92.95 F
- Bonnet protector \$99.00 F
- Weathershields - slimline \$82.50 F
- 18" x 8" 'Challenge' alloy wheels \$2,100.00 F
- 19" x 8" 'SuperSport' alloy wheels \$2,349.00 F
- 19" x 8" 'Veloce' alloy wheels \$2,449.00 F
- 20" x 8" 'SuperSport20' alloy wheels \$2,799.00 F
- Locking wheel nuts \$60.50 F
- Steering wheel - Onyx \$401.50 F
- Leather auto sports gear shifter \$108.90 F
- Leather auto sports gear shifter - Red Hot \$108.90 F
- License plate frames \$32.45 F
- Towing extension mirror \$39.35 F
- Safety triangle \$46.75 F
- Boot lip protector \$55.00 F
- Lip spoiler \$121.00 F
- Towing packages - 1200kg \$350.90 F
- Towing packages - 1600kg \$422.40 F
- Towing packages - 2100kg \$917.40 F
- Mobile phone mounting platform \$56.60 F
- Weathershields - standard \$129.80 F
- Moulded trunk liner \$159.50 F
- Alloy faced pedals \$200.20 F
- Seat insert - lambswool \$242.00 F

4. Total price:

\$65,990.00 R

Filing

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Department of the Premier and Cabinet
Memorandum

To: Rob Whiddon
 Chief of Staff

From: Chris Powell Ext: 44 123

Subject: Satellite Navigation in Ministerial Limousines

Date: 25 September 2006 Ref: C3PO

1. Recommendation

- That satellite navigation (satnav) in Ministerial Limousines is **not approved** at this time.

2. Issues

- The Minister for Transport has recommended an evaluation of the satnav option in the new model Holden Caprice. Initial discussions with QFleet suggest that the system will not be available till Christmas and therefore no costing on lease options will be available until that time.
- The Holden website indicates that satnav will be available late 2006, which supports QFleet assertions. The pricing included on the web shows the satnav system will cost \$1,990 as an option. Ministerial Services therefore believes there will be an impact on lease rates, but this may not be a huge increase.
- Discussions with both the Head Chauffeur and acting Head Chauffeur have indicated that while driving, chauffeurs cannot safely peruse the screens. Also the voice direction assistant can be distracting to either driver or passengers especially if the Minister is on the phone or blackberry while being driven around. The result was that the previous version satnav in the Premier's LTD was always turned off to avoid any distractions and therefore not worth any additional costs. The Head chauffeur prefers to do early planing and reconnaissance of official routes prior to any travel.
- If the Minister's request relates to driving without the chauffeur, as this is primarily while on private travel, the additional cost of a satnav system would not be directly for official purposes and therefore hard to justify as reasonable for the circumstances.
- Until Holden officially releases the satnav system to the public and further evaluation has been done by QFleet, Ministerial Services recommends this option be put on hold for six months pending further discussions with consultants from QFleet and other chauffeurs.

3. Consultation

- QFleet - Fleet management officers.
- Acting Head Chauffeur and Head Chauffeur.



Chris Powell
 Manager
 Ministerial Services

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MEMORANDUM

**TO: HON PAUL LUCAS MP
MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS**

FROM: ROB WHIDDON

DATE: 27 FEBRUARY 2007

RE: SATNAV

The Premier has now had a further look at the proposal for satellite navigation in Ministerial vehicles.

The Satnav option is apparently available in the new model Holden Caprice. The Premier has seen the brief provided by the Ministerial Services Branch which indicates that while chauffeurs are driving they can not safely peruse the screens, and also the voice direction assistant can be distracting to the driver or passengers.

Given the costs involved, approximately \$1,990.00, the Premier has not agreed to approve its installation at this time, and has confirmed the original decision.

**SIGNED
ROB WHIDDON**

**Rob Whiddon
Chief of Staff**

Vehicle Information

- Overview
- Key Features
- Full Features
- Technical Data
- Accessories
- Colour & Trim
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- Brochures
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Shopping Tools

- Finance & Insurance
- Find a Dealer

Requests

- Request a Test Drive
- Request a Brochure
- Enquire on Price

for your Caprice:

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- Caprice 6.0L 6 speed automatic Generation 4 Alloy V8 \$69,990.00 F

2. Select the Factory Fitted Options you would like to add:

- Electric tilt and slide sunroof \$1,690.00 F
- Satellite Navigation - full colour map \$1,990.00 F

3. Select the Dealer Fitted Accessories you would like to add:

NB. Fitting and labour not included in RRP

- Roof racks \$561.00 F
- Premium carpet floor mats - set of 4 \$143.00 F
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- Alloy faced pedals \$200.20 F
- Seat insert - lambswool \$242.00 F
- Alarm upgrade package \$462.00 F

4. Total price: \$65,990.00 R

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For reply please quote: CP30/MSSA

Hon P Lucas
Minister for Transport and Main Roads
Level 15 Capital Hill Building
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Minister,

I refer to your request for supporting documentation on the safety aspects of using satellite navigation systems (satnav).

Please note that our investigation into the use of these systems was for the purpose of ascertaining the usefulness of these systems in Ministerial vehicles for official purposes. It was not meant to try to analyse the usefulness or safety of satnav for other purposes. As such I believe that information we obtained would be of limited use to a general safety investigation by your department.

Satnav has been a standard accessory provided in Ford LTD limousines for some years and a number of Ministerial vehicles have had them provided at no additional cost. Vehicles you have chosen over the years have not had this accessory as standard and advice from QFleet is that the Holden Caprice is unlikely to come with satnav as standard in the foreseeable future.

A number of chauffeurs were contacted to identify how much the satnav systems were actually used for official purposes. Their advice was that due to the circumstances of their work the systems were not particularly useful and were mostly turned off.

The drivers have undergone advanced driver training and are particularly focused on maintaining concentration to ensure the safety of their Minister and other passengers. They felt that it was not safe to be studying maps or directions on screen as the vehicle was moving, in a similar manner to not reading a hard copy map while you drive along. They also felt that the voice directions provided by the satnav system were a distraction, particularly as they also needed to be attentive to the needs of the Minister. It was also identified that some Ministers found the voice directions an annoyance particularly when they were trying to hold a discussion in person or on the phone.

Chauffeurs also felt that most Ministerial travel in the official vehicle can be pre-planned and that up to date street directories or internet information are available for this purpose. This usually ensures an efficient journey.

The advanced driver training facility was also contacted. While they were not prepared to offer any recommendation or otherwise for satnav systems they did reiterate that a chauffeur can be distracted when using the voice system while driving and if this is turned off, use of the screen to determine the destination of travel is even more dangerous as they would be taking their eyes off the road to investigate the maps.

It is acknowledged that your vehicle can also be used as a self drive vehicle. However our records indicate that your chauffeur drives the vehicle 83% of the time and that the 17% of time that you personally drive the vehicle is principally for private use.

Should your department require any further information from us, please have them contact Chris Powell on 322 44123.

Yours sincerely



Mike Goodman
Director
Ministerial Services