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Dear Requester,

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: 2022-676034

We acknowledge your request for information seeking:

1. *“With regards to the Scottish Parliament’s John Deere Gator vehicle, please confirm the following:*
 - a. *·When was this vehicle purchased?*
 - b. *·What was the cost for the vehicle?*
 - c. *·What is the total mileage of the vehicle since its ownership by the Scottish Parliament*
 - d. *·What are the total maintenance and repair costs for the vehicle for each year since the Scottish Parliament took ownership of it.*
2. *With regards to the Scottish Parliament’s security upgrades to the Car Park, please confirm the following:*
 - a. *·How much in total was spent on the project to upgrade the Car Park facilities?”*

Your request was received on 07 June 2022 and has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOI(S)A).

In relation to the first part of your request, by way of background, you might like to know that the vehicle referred to is used for a wide range of purposes across the campus. Its purchase has brought about savings in staff time and in contractor hire costs.

One of its bigger functions is to deploy vehicle track mats when we create parking areas on the landscaped grounds for broadcast vehicles, during news major events at Holyrood.

We now use a trailer mounted pressure washer and bowser as our primary method of external cleaning. One pressure washer clean now takes around a third or a quarter of a working shift where previously a team of four staff would have been required for a full shift.

The vehicle is also used to deploy the heavy equipment required for the rapid removal of graffiti. This capability saves money on short notice contractor hire costs.

It has also reduced the overall manual handling effort on site and is frequently used for transferring heavy deliveries and goods through the service yard and into the building.

The vehicle being electric promotes sustainability. It is also road legal and extremely versatile in and around the parliamentary estate.

When was this vehicle purchased?

Vehicle was purchased in March 2020, delivery of the vehicle was taken in September 2020.

What was the cost for the vehicle?

Cost of the vehicle was £15,515.50.

What is the total mileage of the vehicle since its ownership by the Scottish Parliament

The vehicle is showing as 1357 hours of use, 136 kilometres.

What are the total maintenance and repair costs for the vehicle for each year since the Scottish Parliament took ownership of it

There is a 2-year service agreement in place for the vehicle for Monthly service and inspection – cost of this is £807.50 per year. There have been no associated repair costs in relation to this vehicle.

With regards to the Scottish Parliament's security upgrades to the Car Park, please confirm the following:

How much in total was spent on the project to upgrade the Car Park facilities?

The cost of the new vehicle entry system, as reported to the SPCB and available publicly, was £2.6m, including design costs and VAT.

The new vehicle entry system was one of several security enhancements to the Parliament's perimeter as part of the Security Maturity Programme. These enhancements were identified in the Police Scotland review commissioned by the SPCB in 2017, following the terrorist attack on Westminster. The main aim of the Service Yard project was to improve the security of the area by addressing vulnerabilities with the layout and replacing ageing technology with an updated hostile vehicle mitigation system. The total cost of the Security Maturity Programme will be reported to the SPCB later this year.

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We are currently working remotely and so would ask you to contact us by email at foi.officer@parliament.scot

Please find below Annex A, which explains how we handle FOI requests and reviews.

Yours sincerely,

Robin Davidson,
Head of Information Governance

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THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002**

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