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Government splurges R41m on new vehicles over three years

The Democratic Alliance (DA) has expressed outrage after it emerged that a total of R41 960 075 was spend on the purchase of luxury vehicles for Ministers and their Deputies between 2014 and 2017. In a statement, the party's Shadow Minister of Public Service and Administration, Desiree van der Walt, said the amount, revealed in a parliamentary question submitted to all government departments, continues to fly in the face of austerity measures called by Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan back in 2013.

"It seems that his colleagues are simply refusing to listen," van der Walt said, naming the worst offenders as the Department of Rural Development and Agrarian Reform (R5 505 361), Department of Transport (R3 453 870), Department of Justice (R3 275 138) and the Department of Public Enterprises (R2 669 377).

The complete list of vehicles bought by the various departments are as follows:

Department of Arts & Culture

TOTAL SPEND: R2 691 067

MINISTER DATE VEHICLE PRICE

Nathi Mthethwa Aug '16 BMW 5-series R740 299

Dep Min. Rejoice Mabudafhasi Mar '17

Mar '17 BMW X5

Mercedes-Benz GLE R977 064

R973 704

Department of Higher Education

TOTAL SPEND: R1 408 648

MINISTER DATE VEHILCE PRICE

Blade Nzimande Sep '15 Audi Q7 R680 878

Dep Min. Mduduzi Manana Mar '16 BMW 335i GT R727 770

Department of Public Service

TOTAL SPEND: R2 200 200

MINISTER DATE VEHILCE PRICE

Ngoako Ramatlhodi Apri '16 Ford Everest 3.2 TDCi LTD R714 500

Dep Min. Ayanda Dlodlo Jun '16

Jun '16 Audi A8 3.0 TDI

Audi A7 Sportback 3.0 TDI R750 000

R735 700

Department of Telecommunications

TOTAL SPEND: R2 383 769

MINISTER YEAR VEHILCE PRICE

Siyabonga Cwele '14/'15

'14/'15 Audi Q7 3.0 TDI

Jeep Grand Cherokee 3.6 Overland R681 841

R626 661

Dep Min. Hlengiwe Mkhize '14/'15

'14/'15 Jeep Grand Cherokee 3.0 CRD LTD

Lexus ES250 EX R637 114

R438 152

Department of Tourism

TOTAL SPEND: R1 641 144

MINISTER DATE VEHICLE PRICE

Derek Hanekom N/A N/A N/A

Dep Min. Tokozile Xasa Jan '15

Feb '15 Audi Q7 3.0 TDI

Jeep Grand Cherokee 3.0 CRD LTD R878 701

R762 443

Department of Transport

TOTAL SPEND: R3 453 870

MINISTER YEAR VEHICLE PRICE

Dipuo Peters '14/'15

'14/'15 BMW X5

Lexus LX570 R789 924

R1 084 312

Dep Min. Lydia Chikunga '14/'15

'14/'15 BMW X6

BMW 535i GT R790 000

R789 634

Department of Science & Technology

TOTAL SPEND: R1 495 754

MINISTER DATE VEHICLE PRICE

Naledi Pandor Jul '15

Mar '16 Audi Q7 3.0 TDI

Audi Q7 3.0 TDI R697 733

R798 020

Department of Mineral Resources

TOTAL SPEND: R2 500 000

MINISTER DATE VEHICLE PRICE

Mosebenzi Zwane Feb '17 Mercedes-Benz E400 R1 200 000

Dep Min. Godfrey Oliphant Nov '16 Porsche Cayenne GTS R1 300 000

Department of Trade and Industry

TOTAL SPEND: R876 000

MINISTER DATE VEHICLE PRICE

Rob Davies Mar '17

Mar '17 Toyota Fortuner

Toyota Fortuner R438 000

R438 000

Department of Woman

TOTAL SPEND: R926 007

MINISTER DATE VEHICLE PRICE

Susan Shabangu Feb '15 BMW 550i GT R926 007

Department of Finance

TOTAL SPEND: R661 387

MINISTER DATE VEHICLE PRICE

Pravin Gordhan N/A N/A N/A

Dep Min. Mcebisi Jonas Jan '15 Mercedes-Benz E200 R661 387

Department of Home Affairs

TOTAL SPEND: R750 122

MINISTER DATE VEHICLE PRICE

Malusi Gigaba Jan '15 BMW 535i R750 122

Department of Public Enterprises

TOTAL SPEND: R2 669 377

MINISTER DATE VEHICLE PRICE

Lynne Brown Sep '14

Apr '16 Lexus ES300h

Lexus ES350 EX R514 649

R464 819

Dep Min. Bulelani Magwanishe Jun '14

Sep '16 Audi A8 3.0 TDI

Lexus LS460 R881 629

R808 729

Department of Labour

TOTAL SPEND: R1 882 199

MINISTER DATE VEHICLE PRICE

Mildred Oliphant Jul '14

Jul '14

Feb '17 Toyota Fortuner 3.0 D4-D

Audi A6

Jeep Grand Cherokee 3.0 CRD R469 450

R513 508

R899 241

Department of Agriculture

TOTAL SPEND: R2 502 425

MINISTER DATE VEHICLE PRICE

Senzeni Zokwana Aug '14

Aug '14 Audi Q7 3.0 TDI

Audi Q7 3.0 TDI R630 953

R626 199

Dep Min. Bheki Cele Aug '14

Aug '14 Jeep Grand Cherokee

Jeep Grand Cherokee R622 661

R622 611

Department of Basic Education

TOTAL SPEND: R2 299 800

MINISTER DATE VEHILCE PRICE

Angie Motshekga Aug '14

Sep '16 BMW 5-series

Mercedes-Benz GLE 500 R769 022

R849 900

Dep Min. Enver Surty Sep '15 Audi Q7 3.0 TDI R680 878

Department of Justice

TOTAL SPEND: R3 275 138

MINISTER DATE VEHICLE PRICE

Dep Min. John Jeffery Jul '14

Jul '14 Lexus ES250 EX

Lexus ES250 EX R438 152

Dep Correctional Min Thabang Makwetla Sep '14

Sep '14 Mercedes-Benz S400

Mercedes-Benz ML400 R1 198 834

R1 200 000

Department of Rural Development

TOTAL SPEND: R5 505 361

MINISTER DATE VEHICLE PRICE

Gugile Nkwinti Feb '15

Jan '17 Audi Q7 3.0 TDi

Audi Q7 3.0 TDi R731 548

R1 039 872

Dep Min. Mashego Dlamini Mar '15

Jun '15 Mercedes-Benz ML350

Mercedes-Benz ML350 R898 155

Dep Min. Mcebisi Skwatsha Mar '15

Jun '15 Mercedes-Benz ML350

Mercedes-Benz ML350 R999 864

R937 755

Department of Public Works

TOTAL SPEND: R2 309 375

MINISTER DATE VEHICLE PRICE

Thulas Nxesi Nov '15 BMW X5 xDrive 40d R918 459

Dep Min. Jeremy Cronin Nov '14

Jan '15 Volkswagen Touareg 3.0 TDI

BMW 535i R709 484

R681 432

Department of the Presidency

TOTAL SPEND: R971 432

MINISTER DATE VEHICLE PRICE

Jeff Radebe N/A N/A N/A

Dep Min. Buti Manamela '16/'17 Audi Q7 3.0 TDI R971 432

Note: No prices for the Department of Energy were provided, while purchases for the Department of Economic Development were conducted before 2014 and those for the Department Environmental Affairs went unanswered.

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