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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES
MS TARA CHEYNE MLA (CHAIR), CANDICE BURCH MLA (DEPUTY CHAIR), JAMES MILLIGAN MLA

Inquiry into referred 2018–19 Annual and Financial Reports
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
15 November 2019

Asked by Ms Nicole Lawder MLA:

In relation to: Percentage of Abandoned Vehicles

MS LAWDER: Are they all abandoned vehicles? Does someone ever come back and try to claim them and what is that percentage like?

Mr Alegria: Yes. Look, I do not know—

MS LAWDER: And do you charge them a fee?

Mr Alegria: Yes, yes. So we do. I do not know—I would have to get back to you on notice with the percentage, but certainly people—if we cannot identify the owner and it is impounded and the owner subsequently does contact us, we generally ask them to pay for the towing fee; an impound fee, which from memory is a relatively small amount per day; and an admin fee. So there is a cost to that to the person to retrieve their vehicle.

MS LAWDER: And you will be able to provide that to the—

Mr Alegria: Yes.

THE CHAIR: Do you have data on how many requests are made through Fix My Street to go deal with an abandoned vehicle and then the vehicle is not actually abandoned, it is gone? Like, it is not still there?

Mr Alegria: I would have to check whether we could get to that level of report.

Mr Steel: The data would be there. It would take a process to analyse. It is not an automatic report.

THE CHAIR: I do not really want to get staff doing too much other important work, including on mobile billboards.

Mr Steel: Yes, it is not an automatic output from the report.

Mr Chris Steel MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

In the 2018-19 financial year, TCCS City Rangers received 2,451 reports of abandoned motor vehicles. Of these vehicles, 468 vehicles were collected and subsequently impounded. Of these impounded vehicles, 52 vehicles were later collected by their owners.

The fees associated with claiming an impounded vehicle include:

- General towing fee: \$123.65
- Daily storage fee: \$3.60
- Administrative Fee: \$235.00

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By the Minister for City Services, Chris Steel MLA