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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**  
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**1484. Mr S Thambo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

Whether the National Treasury, on behalf of the SA Police Service, has entered into an agreement with BMW SA for the supply of official vehicles for the Ministers, Deputy Ministers and the VIP Protection Services; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details of the (a) cost, inclusive of service costs, (b) duration of the contract and (c) service provider with whom the contractual agreement is signed?

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**REPLY**

The South African Police Service (SAPS) acquires its fleet through the RT57 Transversal Contract, coordinated by the National Treasury via the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer. This includes vehicles used by VIP Protection Services. However, if the department requires specialised vehicles, it issues a request for quotation to various suppliers.

BMW South Africa has been appointed on the current RT57-2022 and various vehicles were awarded to BMW on the Category 8 which is EMRS/ VIP/ High performance/ Law enforcement. In the main, the prices of vehicles differ according to the categories and specific features that are required. For instance, an Electrical Motorcycle (two wheels), NON-Hybrid (Pool vehicles only) costs R261 800 (inclusive of VAT) whilst a high-performance vehicle such as a BMW X5 M60i SAV costs R2.2 million through the RT-57 2022 contract. Spending reviews conducted by the National Treasury have shown that it is cost effective for government to utilise the Transversal Contract as vehicles are bought in bulk by departments and the packages from suppliers come with maintenance and service plans to save on costs.