

ANY REPLY OR SUBSEQUENT REFERENCE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY AND THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE NUMBER QUOTED: NO. 929-9330-9

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Circular No.1
File 267/021TJ
Division: Public Expenditure Policy Coordination

Permanent Secretaries Heads of Departments

## Re: Amendment to Purchase Price Upper c.i.f. Limit for Assigned Motor Vehicles

Permanent Secretaries and Heads of Departments will recall that the Motor Vehicle Policy for the Public Sector was last amended as documented in Circular No. 8 dated April 24, 2003.

Included in this Circular under Section B.1.1 entitled Assignment of Government-owned Motor Vehicles to Public Officials was the stipulation that the upper limit on the purchase price of motor vehicles should not exceed US\$25,000 c.i.f.

The following amendments in respect of government-owned vehicles assigned to Heads of Mission in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade are being made in accordance with Cabinet Decision No. 36/05 dated December 12, 2005:

a) All motor vehicles purchased by GOJ for assignment to public officials will have a special upper limit of U\$42,000 c.i.f. This is in instances where these are representational vehicles being acquired for use by Jamaica's overseas Missions (i.e. the vehicles normally assigned for use by Heads of Mission but deployed for use by the Prime Minister, Ministers and other eligible senior officials when they visit the relevant cities/posts);

- b) This special upper limit of U\$42,000 c.i.f. will be reviewed and amended annually based on movements in the United States Consumer Price Index; and
- c) All vehicles acquired locally for use as Protocol Cars will also have an upper limit of US\$42,000 c.i.f.

In addition, the following amendments are made in respect of motor vehicles assigned to specific categories of public officials in accordance with Cabinet Decision No. 37/05 dated December 19, 2005:

- a) The general upper limit for motor vehicles purchased by GOJ for assignment to public officials will be increased from US\$25,000 c.i.f. to US\$27,500 c.i.f;
- b) This upper limit will be reviewed annually at October  $1^{\rm st}$  based on movements in the United States Consumer Price Index; and
- c) The Minister of Finance and Planning may give approval for the purchase of assigned vehicles above the general upper limit of US\$27,500, where the Minister deems it is warranted.

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Colin Bullock Financial Secretary