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Ms Jen Butler MP
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Dear Ms Butler

Thank you for your question in Parliament on 16 April 2026 regarding stamp duty on vehicle registration transfers to spouses.

Motor vehicle duty is imposed in Tasmania under the *Duties Act 2001* and is paid at the time of initial registration, and on the application to transfer ownership of a motor vehicle. Section 199 of the Act sets out exemptions from motor vehicle duty, which do not currently include transfers of vehicle ownership between spouses where the marriage is ongoing.

I can advise that the Government intends to amend legislation to include motor vehicle duty exemption for transfers of vehicle registration between spouses.

It is anticipated that this will occur in a future Miscellaneous Taxation Amendments Bill. Noting your advocacy on this point I would welcome Labor's support for the amendment.

Thank you for your question and I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



Hon Eric Abetz MP
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CC: Ms Laura Ross, Clerk of the House of Assembly