

Stamp Duty on Vehicle Registration Transfers to Spouses

Ms BUTLER question to TREASURER

My question is from Sara Whitemore. She says: I recently went to Service Tas to transfer the registration of one of our cars into my name. We have three cars and they have all ended up in my husband's name for various reasons. I was absolutely stunned to find that I would have to pay stamp duty on the value of the car. We have been married for over 30 years. I fail to see why one spouse would need to pay duty on an asset that has been clearly purchased within a long-term marriage. Quite frankly, I am disgusted at the Tasmanian Government for this tax. I can understand a transfer fee but paying stamp duty is ridiculous. Could you please let me know on what basis the state can demand stamp duty when assets between spouses are clearly joint? If we were to divorce, the value of the car would be included in the settlement. So why, in this situation, is it classed as his? This makes no sense.