



**The Hon Tony Simpson MLA
Minister for Local Government; Community Services;
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Dear Mrs Pretzel *Val.*

OFF-ROAD VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE INCREASE

Thank you for your correspondence dated 10 September 2015 informing me of your concerns regarding the increase to fees prescribed under the *Control of Vehicles (Off-road Areas) Regulations 1979*.

The renewal notices are issued by the Department of Transport (DoT) and they have advised that an administrative error resulted in the renewal notices being sent out prior to the new fees being published in the *Government Gazette*.

It was my intention that all key stakeholders, including your organisation, would be notified of the fee increases upon gazettal and it is regrettable that this did not occur. However, stakeholders will be notified once the fees are gazetted this week.

The fees have been increased to a cost recovery level. All fees paid are credited to the 'Off-road Vehicles Account' to be used for activities that will support the safe use of off-road vehicles.

I note your comments regarding the payment methods by which the fees can be paid to the DoT. I agree that they are outdated and I have asked my Department of Local Government and Communities to discuss the matter with the DoT, with a view to updating them in line with current methods of payment.

I also understand that the DoT will be refunding the difference between the new and old fees to everyone that has paid registration prior to gazettal.

Thank you again for writing to me on this matter.

Yours sincerely

**HON TONY SIMPSON MLA
MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT; COMMUNITY SERVICES;
SENIORS AND VOLUNTEERING; YOUTH**

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