

# Media Release

**SENATOR THE HON. ERIC ABETZ**

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**Special Minister of State  
Liberal Senator for Tasmania**

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## **\$500 Million Govt Vehicle Fleet Contract Signed**

The Special Minister of State, Senator Eric Abetz and Mr Abe Tomas, Managing Director of LeasePlan Australia Ltd today signed a \$500 million vehicle fleet management and leasing services contract in Hobart.

The contract will run for six years and will govern the provision of motor vehicles and associated services to Australian Government organisations. The fleet comprises approximately 8,000 leased vehicles (used by 77 Government departments and agencies) and 6,000 owned vehicles (primarily used by the Department of Defence).

The new contract will deliver cost savings to Australian taxpayers through lower fleet management fees and reduced interest costs. There will also be greater price certainty, improved administrative efficiency and enhanced services and contractual conditions.

In its Industry Development Plan, LeasePlan has agreed to make greater use of service firms (primarily SMEs) in rural and regional Australia where Australian Government vehicles are used to support the delivery of a range of government services.

This will also include the development of strategic alliances with SMEs to provide improved and tailored service delivery to customers.

Additionally, LeasePlan has also committed to spend \$1.8 million on research and development and technology integration and explore opportunities to market and sell Australian developed innovations internationally.