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The first trial of the Leaders motorcade movement - a motorcade of newly purchased \$1.7 million Hyundai Ioniq electric vehicles for the 52nd Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Meeting was undertaken in October last year. MELINA ETCHES/23103001

A \$1.7 million fleet of electric cars bought by the government were not compatible with the intended charging station at Te Aponga Uira (TAU), forcing authorities to install two at the Office of the Prime Minister. Al Williams reports.

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Responding to a Cook Islands News article on the lack of public interest in purchasing the electric vehicles bought by the government for the Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Meeting last year, TAU corporate services manager Danny Vakapora said: "The existing EV chargers at our office have adaptors along with the newly installed ones and we can confirm that our chargers have been compatible with the newly purchased EVs from the beginning."

Cook Islands News was earlier informed that the newly purchased electric vehicles were incompatible with the intended charging station at TAU. Consequently, four charging stations were installed in Rarotonga, two at TAU and two at the Office of the Prime Minister, the newspaper was told.

Last year, TAU purchased and installed seven electric vehicle chargers around the island for use by the vehicles transporting VIPs during the Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Meeting in November.

Vakapora said the existing charging station at TAU was already in place and "was not intended to charge the PILF EVs as is asserted in the paper".



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