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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

TOPIC: Government Assistance Provided to the Automotive Industry

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QUESTION No.: AI-23

CHAIR: What is the total quantum of government assistance that has been provided to the automotive sector in Australia by the Commonwealth government since the 1980s?

Mr Ryan: The most recent Productivity Commission report deals with assistance from the late 1990s—

CHAIR: We will use that. Mine was a fairly arbitrary figure.

Mr Ryan: and their number is \$30 billion.

CHAIR: And in real terms today?

Mr Ryan: We would have to take that on notice.

ANSWER

The Productivity Commission (*Australia's Automotive Manufacturing Industry*, Position Paper, Canberra, 2014) estimates “that the equivalent of around \$30 billion (2011-12 dollars) was provided to the industry between 1997 and 2012 in the form of tariffs and various subsidies.”