



Australian Government

Department of the Environment and Energy

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Senator Tim Storer
Chair
Senate Select Committee on Electric Vehicles
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Senator Storer

Thank you for your letter to the Secretary of the Department of the Environment and Energy, Mr Finn Pratt AO PSM, regarding evidence provided to the Senate Select Committee on Electric Vehicles. The Secretary has asked me to respond on his behalf.

I have considered the evidence I and other officials provided at the 17 August 2018 hearing and in response to the question taken on notice.

The question on notice sought '*notebooks of officials that have attended insofar as there are notes relating to electric vehicles*'. Existing notebooks of all current Department officials who attended Forum meetings were reviewed for notes relating to electric vehicles and the notes were provided.

The Department has not submitted further corrections to the Hansard record of the 17 August 2018 hearing as the Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities is the Secretariat for the Forum, and would have been responsible for any minutes of the Forum. The Department defers to its responses.

Your letter went on to ask for additional information from this Department about the topics discussed at meetings of the Ministerial Forum. Past topics have included noxious emissions standards for new vehicles, fuel quality standards and fuel efficiency measures for new light vehicles including interactions with electric vehicle uptake. Regarding electric vehicles, topics discussed included approaches and formats for discussion with stakeholders, infrastructure requirements and electric vehicle charging standards.

If you would like to discuss any matters further, please contact Edwina Johnson, A/g Assistant Secretary, Industrial and Air Quality Branch

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Secretary Climate Change and Energy Innovation

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