



Motor Trades Association of Australia

Senator Annette Hurley
Chair
Senate Economics Legislation Committee
The Senate
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Hurley

I write following MTAA's appearance before the Senate Economics Legislation Committee on Friday, 19 June 2009 in relation to your Committee's inquiry into matters relating to 'Ozcar'. Ozcar being the Special Purpose Vehicle established by the Government to address the liquidity crisis arising from the announced withdrawal of GE Money and GMAC from the motor vehicle bailment finance market.

In answer to a question from Senator Joyce, Mr Delaney made reference to the matter of Treasury officials and their assistance to dealers. Mr Delaney made, I believe, reference to phone-calls on behalf of hundreds of dealers.

I would just like to make clear that Mr Delaney was referring to the fact that the work being undertaken by Treasury, including in discussions and phone calls with other financiers, was for hundreds of 'stranded' dealers; that is those dealers who were to be abandoned by GE Money and GMAC in respect of their bailment finance. There was a whole class of dealers affected by the withdrawal of the two financiers and the arrangements for securing alternative finance for that class of dealer was the basis of the need for and the establishment of Ozcar.

The answer to the question from Senator Joyce was not intended to propose that Treasury officials had made phone calls to hundreds of dealers.

Yours sincerely

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