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**Senator Chisholm asked:**

Senator CHISHOLM: What about the actual cost of the programs themselves? What do they cost the government to run?

Ms Milnes: That will all be taken into account in the cost-benefit analysis.

Senator CHISHOLM: I am asking you how much they cost.

Ms Milnes: I cannot recall in the case of the fuel efficiency standard, other than to say that those costs are small as a proportion of the total benefits. I can provide you with that detail. It is contained in the draft regulation impact statement that was released for consultation last December. I can find that information and provide it for you.

Senator CHISHOLM: Thank you.

**Answer:**

The Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development is preparing a Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) on new fuel efficiency standards for light vehicles – being considered under the Ministerial Forum on Vehicle Emissions. The draft RIS published in December 2016 for consultation found the benefits to the economy ranged from \$11.8 to \$30.1 billion while the costs ranged from \$6 to \$16.2 billion, for a total net benefit of between \$5.8 to \$13.9 billion over 22 years – full details can be found here

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