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Dear Mr Bryant

Question on Notice AI-23 – Green Car Innovation Fund

The Department provided a response to a written Question on Notice (QoN) AI-23 from Senator Scott Ryan following the Additional Estimates hearing on 15 February 2012. The QoN concerned the assessment dates of applications for the Green Car Innovation Fund.

Specifically, the QoN requested the date that the last Green Car Innovation Fund application was assessed and a list of dates of applications and when assessments were made throughout the program.

At the Budget Estimates hearing on 29 May 2012, Senator Ryan asked further questions based on the Department's response to QoN AI-23 – namely, about the time it took to consider the application from Nexteer Automotive Australia Pty Ltd (Nexteer). The discussion between Senator Ryan and Ms Merryn Kennedy, General Manager, Innovation Branch, AusIndustry, appears in the Hansard of 29 May 2012 (page 21).

During the discussion, it became apparent that the Nexteer application acceptance date which appeared in QoN AI-23 was incorrect. This was due to a typing error. The date the application was accepted was 13 January 2011, not 13 January 2010 as stated in the QoN. Consideration of the application took five months, not 18 months. Please find attached a corrected response to QoN AI-23.

A timeline for the Nexteer application is provided in response to QoN BI-58 raised at the May hearing.

AusIndustry apologises for any inconvenience.

Yours sincerely

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Senator RYAN: I understand all of the applications for grants under the Green Car Innovation Fund would have been assessed by now. Is that correct?

Mr Durrant: That is correct.

Senator RYAN: Could you please tell me the date that the last of the applications was assessed?

Mr Durrant: I will defer to my AusIndustry colleagues.

Ms Kennedy: The final application was for a stream B grant, which, in addition to the assessment by Innovation Australia's Green Car Innovation Committee and Innovation Australia itself, was also required to be assessed by cabinet under the arrangements for the program. I don't believe I have the date of the actual cabinet meeting.

Ms Butler: We can have a look for the date and will try to get back to you before the end of the session.

Senator RYAN: That would be much appreciated. Is it possible to also get a simple list of dates of applications and when assessments were made going back through the program?

Ms Kennedy: For those that were approved?

Senator RYAN: Yes, for those that were approved.

Ms Kennedy: We can provide that.

Ms Butler: We will see if we can do that again during the session.

ANSWER

The final application assessed was accepted on 13 January 2011 and the decision was made on 10 June 2011.

Approved Green Car Innovation Fund Application and Assessment Dates

No	Applicant	Date Final Submission/ Application Accepted*	Decision/ Approval Date*
1.	Toyota Motor Corporation Australia Ltd – Hybrid Camry	25 Feb 2008	24 Apr 2008
2.	Ford Motor Corporation of Australia – Eco Boost Engine	22 Oct 2008	12 Dec 2008
3.	GM Holden Ltd – Delta (Cruze) Localisation Project	3 Dec 2008	12 Dec 2008
4.	Delphi Automotive Systems Ltd	24 July 2009	14 Aug 2009
5.	Orbital Australia Pty Ltd	29 Oct 2009	17 Dec 2009
6.	SMR Automotive Australia Pty Ltd	23 Dec 2009	18 Feb 2010
7.	Century Yuasa Batteries Pty Ltd	24 Mar 2010	25 May 2010
8.	Toyota Motor Corporation Australia Ltd – Global Engine Line (GEL)	9 Jul 2010	13 Sep 2010
9.	Nissan Casting Australia Pty Ltd	1 Sep 2010	7 Oct 2010
10.	Very Small Particle Company Ltd	6 Sep 2010	23 Dec 2010
11.	Alternative Fuel Innovations Pty Ltd	3 Sep 2010	8 Oct 2010
12.	Hirotec Australia Pty Ltd	15 Oct 2010	1 Apr 2011
13.	Toyoda Gosei Australia Pty Ltd	29 Oct 2010	6 Dec 2010
14.	GM Holden Ltd - Future Commodore Fuel Economy Enablers	9 Nov 2010	19 Apr 2011
15.	EV Engineering Limited	8 Nov 2010	23 Dec 2010
16.	CFusion Pty Ltd	19 Nov 2010	4 Mar 2011
17.	Composite Materials Engineering Pty Ltd	13 Dec 2010	4 Mar 2011
18.	Nexteer Automotive Australia Pty Ltd	13 Jan 2011	10 Jun 2011

* The assessment process commences when a final application is accepted by the Department (Column 1) and is finalised when the decision is made (Column 2).