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Senator KIM CARR: What advice are you providing, or do you have a program of advising the 122 participants in the scheme of their entitlements under the scheme, including the provisions for transitional arrangements under the scheme?

Mr Sexton: I am not sure I understand your question.

Senator KIM CARR: Are you telling them that they can apply for discretionary payments if they fall below the thresholds?

Mr Sexton: You are referring to continuing registration under the scheme under national interest provisions?

Senator KIM CARR: Yes.

Mr Sexton: The industry is well aware of those provisions. They have been there since the beginning, and there are a number of applications for registration in the national interest from a number of companies for 2015, but not from those four.

Senator KIM CARR: So there are a number of applications in. How many?

Mr Sexton: There are three applications for registration in the national interest—that is, new registrations—and there are four applications seeking to continue registration in the national interest.

Senator KIM CARR: I see. These are three new entrants to the scheme? That is encouraging. Which states are they in?

Mr Sexton: I do not have that information.

Senator KIM CARR: Can you take that on notice? These are not people that have registered before?

Mr Sexton: That is correct.

ANSWER

In respect to the national interest provisions under the Automotive Transformation Scheme (ATS) legislation, only details of successful applicants are published. A list of successful applicants is available at www.business.gov.au/grants-and-assistance/manufacturing/ats/Pages/FactSheet-NationalInterest.aspx.