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TOPIC: ATS registration

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QUESTION No.: BI-49

Senator KIM CARR: How many companies are now on the ATS registration?

Ms Facey: We currently have 107 companies registered.

Senator KIM CARR: In the last round of estimates you indicated that there were three new entrants to the scheme in the last 12 months, and these applicants have been considered. What has happened with those applicants?

Ms Facey: We have had three applications for registration this year, and they have all been approved.

Senator KIM CARR: How many firms are currently registered in the national interest?

Ms Facey: We have considered 22 altogether. There are seven customers currently being supported at the moment.

Senator KIM CARR: Twenty-two applications?

Ms Facey: Twenty-two were approved all up over the whole scheme, four were rejected and there is one currently under consideration.

Senator KIM CARR: Why were the four rejected? What were the grounds?

Mr Power: I do not have the grounds in front of me. We will have to take that on notice.

Senator KIM CARR: Were any because they had applied for two years in a row?

Mr Power: I am sorry, I do not know off the top of my head. I will take it on notice.

ANSWER

The four unsuccessful applications for registration in the national interest were due to the firms' failure to meet the eligibility requirements to apply for assistance under the Automotive Transformation Scheme, as either an Automotive Service Provider, a Motor Vehicle Producer, or an Automotive Components Producer, at the time of application.

While the Minister may give permission to apply for registration in the national interest where an otherwise eligible firm fails to meet the production and value threshold requirements set out in Division 2.2-Applications for registration, the Minister may not give permission to apply for registration in the national interest where a firm fails to meet eligibility, as defined through Regulations 1.3 through 1.10, which outline the meaning of automotive production, automotive components, automotive machine tools, automotive services and automotive tooling.