Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

TOPIC: ATS payment after October 2017

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QUESTION No.: BI-50

Senator KIM CARR: Holden and Toyota ceased manufacturing in October. Do you expect there to be any registered applicants drawing upon the funds after that date?

Ms Facey: Our estimate of that remains the same at about 20 to 25 companies that would still be eligible for ATS registration.

Senator KIM CARR: Can you give me a breakdown of how many companies are claiming beyond October 2017 out to the end of the scheme?

Ms Facey: I would have to take that on notice. But I might add that in some cases the companies could apply in the national interest, but that would be a separate application so—Senator KIM CARR: Take it on notice.

Ms Facey: As you would appreciate, it is a bit of a moving feast.

Senator KIM CARR: Take it on notice, thank you. I noticed in the PBS there was an increase in the forecast of ATS expenditure for this year's budget compared to last year's.

ANSWER

Based on the participants' November 2016 business plans, 60-70 companies are forecasting activities that may form the basis of claims beyond October 2017.