

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Industry, Innovation and Science Portfolio  
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**DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

**TOPIC:** Automotive Transformation Scheme – National Interest Provisions

**REFERENCE:** Question on Notice (Hansard, 22 October 2015, page 94)

**QUESTION No.:** SI-33

**Senator KIM CARR:** Of course. How many firms have applied for national interest provisions?

**Dr B Williams:** To date, there are 12 that have been allowed on national interest provisions and there are currently three requests in train.

**Senator KIM CARR:** Is it the case that the national interest provisions apply for only one year? Or is it two?

**Dr B Williams:** I believe it is up to two years.

**Senator KIM CARR:** Of the 12 that have been allowed, how many of them have already passed two years or are in their second year?

**Dr B Williams:** I need to take that on notice.

**Senator KIM CARR:** How many have been unsuccessful?

**Dr B Williams:** Again, I need to take that on notice.

**Senator KIM CARR:** Thank you very much.

**ANSWER**

Thirteen applications from ten firms have been approved under the national interest provisions. Three firms gained approval twice; each for a separate time period.

Three participants are currently in their second year. One participant has passed their second year.

Two firms have been unsuccessful in obtaining national interest approval.