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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

TOPIC: Next Generation Manufacturing Investment Program

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Carr

QUESTION No.: SI-61

1. In relation to the Next Generation Manufacturing Investment Program, please provide a detailed breakdown, outlining:
 - o How much funding is currently uncommitted in the program?
 - o How many applications for funding were received in the last round of the program?
 - o Of these, how many applications were successful and received funding?
 - o If relevant, how much funding is available in the next round?
 - o If relevant, when will the next round open?

2. In relation to the Next Generation Manufacturing Investment Program:
 - o On what date were the program guidelines changed so that registered Automotive Transformation Scheme (ATS) recipients could apply for funding?
 - o How many ATS registered companies applied for funding in round 2? Of these, how many were successful in round 2?
 - o If any ATS registered companies were successful in round 2, please provide a breakdown of the successful projects and the level of funding received.
 - o When will the business.gov.au website be updated to reflect changes to the program guidelines, noting that as at 27 October 2016, the website states that businesses cannot apply for funding if they are registered for the ATS?

ANSWER

1. The Next Generation Manufacturing Investment Programme Round 2 received 82 applications, 22 were awarded grants. As at 3 November 2016 there are uncommitted funds of \$731,534; agreements for round 2 are currently being finalised. It is not anticipated that there will be a third round.

2. The Next Generation Manufacturing Investment Programme Round 2 guidelines were not changed to allow registered Automotive Transformation Scheme recipients to apply for funding. The guidelines state that the following are ineligible “Applicants who are registered under the Automotive Transformation Scheme”.