

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2017-18

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Senator: Carr
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Question:

Is it still a policy of the Department of Finance that Commonwealth departments and agencies must lease or buy Australian-made cars wherever possible?

If so, is this policy under review? Please provide a detailed summary of the review, including the process, timelines and decision points.

If not, when did this policy change? Please specify when the changes occurred, how they were instigated and a detailed outline of the changes.

Answer:

A new Government Fleet Vehicle Selection Policy to remove the requirement for passenger vehicles to be made in Australia has been considered by Government but is not yet operational.

The new policy will take into account safety ratings, fit for purpose requirements, value for money and environmental considerations. Finance expects that the policy will be published soon given the very limited availability of Australian made vehicles.