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Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

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Topic: Tyre Stewardship Scheme
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Senator Whish-Wilson Peter asked:

1. Who is on the board of the Tyre Stewardship Scheme?
2. Were the Department or the Minister's office involved in appointing members to the board?
3. When was the board appointed?
4. How much ongoing funding is the Government providing to the scheme?
 - a. What is the spend over the forward estimates?
5. Has the Minister or his office requested a briefing regarding the Tyre Stewardship scheme?
6. Has the Minister or his office requested a briefing on the issue of the disposal of existing tyres?
7. Does the Department know how many discarded tyres are sitting in tyre stacks around the country?
8. Has any work been done with state and territory counterparts to try and clarify this number?
9. Does the Department track the number of tyre fires that occur around Australia every year?
 - a. If yes can a breakdown be provided over the past decade of tyre fires?

Answer:

1. The tyre industry has established Tyre Stewardship Australia (TSA) to administer the industry-led and funded tyre product stewardship scheme. The TSA Board comprises:
 - An Independent Chair
 - Four directors to reflect the responsibilities of its importers as the product stewards (nominated by the Australian Tyre Industry Council (ATIC))
 - One director to reflect the role of the retail sector (nominated by the Australian Motor Industry Federation)
 - One director with tyre recycling industry experience, and
 - Additional directors from time to time with expertise from major industry sectors, to be determined by the TSA Board, and up to a maximum of ten Directors in total.

These governance arrangements are set out in the Guidelines for the tyre scheme. Full details of governance arrangements are set out in TSA's Constitution.

2. No
3. 24 July 2013

4. Nil
5. No
6. No
7. In 2010 a report by Hyder Consulting estimated that about 48 million passenger tyre equivalents reach their end of life in Australia each year. State and territory environment agencies hold data regarding tyre handling and storage. This information is not held by the Department.
8. As noted above, in 2010 Hyder Consulting was commissioned by the former COAG Standing Council on Environment and Water to undertake a study into the domestic and international fate of end-of-life tyres.
9. No