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TOPIC: Steve Bracks

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Eggleston

QUESTION No: AI-52

Can the department provide details of all work undertaken for it by Steve Bracks, how many days he has worked, the amounts paid including any travel costs?

Has there been any review of the work he has undertaken – and by whom?

What recommendations have been made by Steve Bracks and what action has been taken in respect to each of those recommendations?

ANSWER

Mr Bracks was appointed Automotive Envoy due to his track record as Premier of Victoria where he provided strong leadership on innovation and industry issues, including with the Australian and international automotive industries.

As Automotive Envoy, Steve Bracks has worked for 10 days until 31 January 2010. The Department has paid Mr Bracks \$7,000 (GST exclusive) for his work. The Department has also paid \$29,331.30 (GST exclusive) in costs associated with Mr Bracks' work.

Details of Mr Bracks' work:

On 21 August 2009, Mr Bracks met with Departmental and Austrade officials in Sydney for discussions about his role as Automotive Envoy.

On 4 September 2009, Mr Bracks participated in an industry workshop in Melbourne for the *Automotive Australia 2020* roadmap project.

During 4-9 October 2009, Mr Bracks visited the US to accompany Senator the Hon Kim Carr at automotive related meetings and to lead an Australian industry delegation.

On 5 November 2009, Mr Bracks participated in automotive market access discussions at a meeting of the Automotive Industry Innovation Council in Melbourne.

On 18 December 2009, Mr Bracks participated in a meeting of the South Australian Manufacturing Consultative Council in Adelaide.

There has been no formal review of Mr Bracks' work as Automotive Envoy, which is an element of the Automotive Market Access Program (AMAP) of *A New Car Plan for a Greener Future*.

Mr Bracks has not made formal recommendations but has provided advice and feedback on automotive market access issues to stakeholders of the Australian automotive industry.