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QUESTION No.: SI-37

Senator ABETZ—..... Do we know the number of LPG installers around Australia? When I say LPG, I mean for motor vehicles.

Dr Edwards—There are approximately 3,200 installers.

Senator ABETZ—If you have that figure, are you able to give me a breakdown by state and if possible by subregions? If you have that list, could I be provided with that list?

Mr Peel—Do you want a breakdown of installers or a breakdown of grants under the program?

Senator ABETZ—Installers.

Mr Peel—We do not have that with us today.

Senator ABETZ—Take that on notice.

Mr Peel—We will see if we can find out for you.

Senator ABETZ—I was not anticipating you would have that sort of a particularity.

Mr Peel—We do not necessarily have it. We may need to make some inquiries. But we will take it on notice and let you know whether we can provide it or not.

Mr Paterson—Could I clarify one thing?

Senator ABETZ—Yes.

Mr M Paterson—In taking that question on notice, could I just insist that we do it on a best-endeavours basis, so that we will not pretend that the list we provide to you encompasses every potential LPG installer in the country. I just want to understand.

ANSWER

The accreditation of LPG installers is managed at the state and territory level. In some states individual installers are required to be registered, whereas in others the businesses are registered. AusIndustry is unaware of any reliable source for a national figure on LPG installers. In previous program information mail outs, AusIndustry has contacted between 3,000 and 3,500 installers/businesses using contact lists owned by relevant state and territory authorities.