

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Senator Birmingham asked:

What action has been taken in regard to the following 2007 Labor election commitment:

Half of all Commonwealth car fleet to be environmentally friendly by 2020

Answer:

The Government's *Green Car Challenge* states that 50 per cent of the Government fleet's passenger vehicles will be Australian made, value for money environmentally friendly cars by 2020. The Department of Finance and Deregulation (Finance) is working closely with Toyota in relation to the release of the Australian made Hybrid Camry. The car has been presented to agency fleet managers on several occasions including most recently at the Hybrid Camry launch in Canberra on 23 February 2010. Agencies (including COMCAR) began taking delivery of the car from its first day of release on 15 February. The Special Minister of State has advised Senators and Members that the Hybrid Camry is available for selection as a Private Plated Vehicle (PPV). Looking forward, Finance is also working with Holden to introduce the Australian-made Cruze into the fleet when it commences production in early 2011.