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Question:

Can you tell us how our policy compares to the States in respect of their procurement of Australian made vehicles?

Answer:

The Department of Finance and Deregulation administers the Australian Government Fleet Vehicle Selection Policy. This policy was amended in April 2012 to further strengthen and promote the selection of Australian-made vehicles.

Based on Federal Chamber of Automotive Industry statistics the percentage of Australian-made passenger vehicles purchased in the 2011-12 financial year within Australian, State and Territory Government Fleets were:

Australian Government Fleet - 66 per cent; South Australia - 76 per cent; Victoria - 75 per cent; New South Wales - 42 per cent; Queensland - 36 per cent; Australian Capital Territory - 34 per cent; Tasmania - 34 per cent; Northern Territory - 27 per cent and Western Australia - 26 per cent.

However, the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industry statistics on the Australian Government Fleet include not for profit organisations and *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997* (CAC Act) Agencies that do not utilise the whole-of-Government Fleet Management Agreement. While *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* Agencies are mandated to use the whole-of-Government Fleet Management Agreement, CAC Act Agencies can choose to opt-in to the arrangement. Therefore, the Department of Finance and Deregulation considers vehicles within the Fleet Management Agreement to be the most accurate source of information for the Australian Government Fleet.

Australian Government Fleet statistics identify that 77 per cent of passenger vehicles purchased in the 2011-12 financial year were Australian-made, and that as at 30 September 2012 Australian-made passenger vehicles make up 63 per cent of the total Australian Government Fleet.