

**From:** Storer, Tim (Senator)  
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**Subject:** Fuel efficient vehicle sales data

As the Chair of the Senate [Select Committee on Electric Vehicles](#), I am hoping to understand the trend in the number of vehicles that qualify for the 'fuel-efficient vehicle' luxury car tax threshold (use 7L of fuel per 100km).

Would it be possible for you to provide us with data comparing the number of new vehicles purchased that qualified for the fuel efficient threshold in 2017-18 and an earlier comparative year (e.g. 2009-10)?

I'm also led to believe there has been a general trend of improving fuel efficiency across the vehicle fleet, but have not seen the data to back this up. Would it therefore also be possible to provide us with data on the number of new vehicles purchased that use 7L/100kms or less in 2017/18 and an earlier comparative year?

Kind regards

Tim Storer



**SENATOR TIM STORER**  
**Independent Senator for South Australia**



Good morning Senator

Please see data below, as per your request.

2014-15 was the earliest year that we could do in the time available (we had previously compiled this data for a different request).

Table 1 shows estimated sales of passenger cars subject to Luxury Car Tax (LCT). It is based on the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries VFACTS sales data, and other publicly available vehicle information.

Please note, Tax Office LCT data (such as information reported on the Business Activity Statement) does not provide any information on the sales of cars subject to LCT.

We'd note the vast majority of fuel efficient cars are not electric, but rather petrol and diesel.

Table 1 – sales of passenger cars subject to LCT

	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2017-18</b>
Fuel efficient (7.0L/100km)	18,000	24,000
Non-fuel efficient	56,000	61,000
	<b>74,000</b>	<b>85,000</b>

Table 2 – total sales of passenger cars

	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2017-18</b>
Fuel efficient (7.0L/100km)	445,000	467,000
Non-fuel efficient	455,000	447,000
	<b>900,000</b>	<b>914,000</b>

A passenger car is a vehicle designed to transport people (e.g. sedan, SUV, taxi, wagon, people mover. Excludes buses, pick-ups, vans etc.).

Kind regards,

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#### Additional Information

Request by Chair to the Australian Taxation Office for further information on fuel efficient vehicles for purposes of luxury car tax (received 30 January 2019)