



THE HON IAN MACFARLANE MP

MINISTER FOR INDUSTRY

COPY

22 SEP 2014

PO BOX 6022
PARLIAMENT HOUSE
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dr Andrew Southcott MP
Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit
PO Box 6021
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

MC14-003099

Dear Dr Southcott *Andrew*

I am writing in response to the email of 02 September 2014 from Casey Mazzarella, Research Officer, Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit (JCPAA) concerning the Government response to JCPAA Report No 417 released in 2010.

My department has investigated Recommendation 5: *That the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency create separate targets for commercial and passenger vehicles in the Defence white fleet to allow for a stronger focus on the environmental performance of the Defence white fleet*, and has advised that this recommendation was never actioned in 2011.

The responsibility for environmental performance targets for government vehicles remains the responsibility of the each department as guided by the Department of Finance procurement guidelines.

My department has been in contact with officers of the Department of Defence who advise that they act in accordance with government fleet selection policies administered by the Department of Finance, which refer to environmental considerations.

I suggest that you contact the Department of Defence should you require any further advice on this matter.

Yours sincerely

Ian Macfarlane