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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES
TOPIC: CONSUMPTION OF ETHANOL-BLEND PETROL AND BIOFUELS
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QUESTION No.AI-7
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Senator O'Brien asked about:

- a) Do you know what proportion of the vehicle fuel market has been gained by ethanol blend petrol?
- b) What level of market penetration has to be achieved for consumption of 350 million litres of biofuels per annum by 2010?

ANSWER

- a) The volume of ethanol used in petrol was 0.0014 per cent of all petrol sales in Australia in 2005.
- (b) The Department cannot provide an answer to this question as forecasting the level of petrol consumption in four years time would be too imprecise an exercise.