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QUESTION No.: AI-50

Has the Department made an assessment as to the level of new car sales of Australian manufactured vehicles required in 2010 to ensure there is no negative impact on employment and manufacturing in the Australian automotive industry?

If so what are the details of that assessment and what is the level of required sales?

If there has been no such assessment by the Department, given the importance of the current assistance package, why not?

ANSWER

No. The level of sales of Australian manufactured vehicles in 2010 will be determined by market forces, including the strength of demand in export markets.

Not applicable.

The New Car Plan for a Greener Future is focussed on transforming the industry to adjust to a more open trade environment and shift to producing vehicles and components with lower fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. The Plan is not dependent on the level of domestic new car sales of Australian manufactured vehicles.