

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Innovation, Industry, Science and Research Portfolio  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

**TOPIC:** Green Car Innovation Fund

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Colbeck

**QUESTION No.:** AI-67

Is it true that the Minister has said the Government intends to spend a further \$130 million on the Green Car Innovation Fund?

Is it also true that an officer from the Industry Department told the Estimates hearing on 23 February 2011 that there is only \$113.7 million (\$108 million in applications on hand and \$5.7 million currently under offer) left to spend even if every single application still on hand was to be approved?

What accounts for the difference between those two figures?

**ANSWER**

Yes, the Minister has previously indicated that a further \$130 million (GST exclusive) is to be spent on the Green Car Innovation Fund.

Yes, an officer from the Industry Department told the Estimates hearing on 23 February 2011 that there was approximately \$114 million (GST exclusive) in applications on hand and grant offers.

The remainder is related to Departmental and Administered operating expenditure to support the continued delivery of the program to 2015-16.