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QUESTION No.: AI-129

Has any of the funding in the Automotive Industry Structural Adjustment Program been earmarked (or already paid) in respect of the job losses publicly announced during 2012 at Toyota and GM Holden – and, if so, how much? What are the criteria the Government uses in making its decisions on how funding under AISAP is awarded?

ANSWER

This answer is prepared by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) which administers the labour market adjustment element of the Automotive Industry Structural Adjustment Program (AISAP).

No. The assistance has not yet been required by Toyota or Holden workers and therefore no funding has been earmarked or paid at this time. Employment support under the labour market element of the Automotive Industry Structural Adjustment Program is provided by Job Services Australia providers, such as through the Employment Pathway Fund, according to the individual needs and circumstances of the redundant passenger motor vehicle worker. Further information is available at: http://www.deewr.gov.au/Employment/JSA/Pages/faq.aspx#14