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**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

**TOPIC:** Green Design Undertaking

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senators Milne

**QUESTION No.:** AI - 255

What specific green design undertakings were made by any car manufacturer in Australia in order to secure Commonwealth funding in 2012, over and above existing subsidies in the 2011-12 budget?

**ANSWER**

Ford will upgrade the 2014 year model Falcon to include improved body aerodynamics, advanced low rolling resistance tyres, and a new six speed transmission.

GM Holden will produce two next-generation vehicles that will introduce new fuel-saving technologies and lower greenhouse gas emissions per kilometre driven. The vehicles will include more efficient engines, transmissions and drive systems.

Commonwealth funding for these initiatives comes from within the \$5.4 billion funding envelope of *A New Car Plan for a Greener Future* and is budget neutral.