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TOPIC: Subsidies to Car Manufacturers

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Boyce

QUESTION No.: AI-50

From November 2007 to November 2011, almost 100,000 jobs have been lost from the manufacturing sector.

Since November 2007, would you please outline what subsidies car manufacturers have received?

How many of those manufacturers have since closed down? How many are threatening to close down?

What analysis has the department undertaken on the impact of unions on the car manufacturing sector, particularly as this is a sector directly subsidised by the taxpayer?

ANSWER

As at 15 February 2012, Australian motor vehicle producers had received the following assistance under *A New Car Plan for a Greener Future*:

Automotive Assistance to the Motor Vehicle Producers	November 2007 to 15 February 2012
Automotive Competitiveness and Investment Scheme	\$1,095.7 million
Automotive Transformation Scheme (ATS) - ATS Year 1 (2011) Quarters 1-3	\$191.6 million
Green Car Innovation Fund	\$212.7 million
Automotive Supply Chain Development Program	\$5.2 million

Mitsubishi Motors Australia Limited ceased vehicle production in Australia in March 2008. GM Holden Ltd had indicated that, without the Federal and state government co-investment totalling \$275 million which was announced on 22 March 2012, the company's Australian vehicle manufacturing operations would close by 2016.

The Department has not undertaken any analysis of the impact of unions on the automotive manufacturing sector.