

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

**TOPIC:** Automotive Transformation Scheme

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**QUESTION No.:** AI-27

**Senator RYAN:** Do we have the criteria for the decision on Ford?

**Senator Carr:** I beg your pardon?

**Senator RYAN:** We have made one decision. I appreciate the details are in negotiation, but one decision has been made. You and cabinet have made a decision with respect to Ford. There were criteria for that. Can we have the criteria for that decision?

**Senator Carr:** I will have to take on notice the method by which information can be provided. We just want to have a look at it in terms of negotiations that are currently underway regarding the contract.

**ANSWER**

The Ford grant was assessed against key criteria including at a broad level: will it (the proposal) improve the competitiveness of the industry; will it provide broader economic benefits; and will it improve the environmental performance of the industry.