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TOPIC: Automotive Transformation Scheme

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QUESTION No.: AI-24

Senator RYAN: I appreciate that very much. Can I be told how much has been spent, in full, or committed and expended—and I appreciate the difference—on the ATS to date, including the capped and the uncapped amounts, in the capped and uncapped elements of the program?

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Senator RYAN: Is it possible to break that down into capped and uncapped? I am happy for you to take this on notice.

Mr Sexton: It might be easier to take it on notice.

Senator RYAN: Thank you, Mr Sexton.

Mr Sexton: There are a lot of figures.

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Mr Lawson: As to that previous question you asked about the budget estimates for the capped and uncapped Automotive Transformation Scheme, if your staff look at page 44 of the PAES, that is where that is reported.

Senator RYAN: And that just goes out to the budget forecast?

Mr Lawson: The forward estimates, yes.

Senator RYAN: Do you have any numbers beyond the forecast years?

Mr Lawson: We want to take that on notice as to whether we release them—

Senator RYAN: Sure.

Mr Lawson: Because they are less reliable—

Senator RYAN: I appreciate they are less reliable. But I appreciate there probably would not be a commercial in-confidence element to them. I would appreciate it if you would take that on notice.

ANSWER

Automotive Transformation Scheme (ATS) capped assistance is a legislated special appropriation and as such is fully committed. Uncapped assistance is subject to annual appropriation based on estimates demand, and is not committed until paid.

Total assistance, capped and uncapped, paid under the ATS as at 15 February 2012:

Capped:	\$221.5 million
Uncapped:	\$ 70.2 million

ATS capped assistance and estimated uncapped ATS assistance is as follows:

Year	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Capped	301	300	300	300	300	300	258	175	92	25
Uncapped	111	100	86	65	80	47	16	0	0	0