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Senator Carr: As a result of the parameter changes there is money available in the ATS which the government has made available to the industry for particular program initiatives. That is how we funded the Ford program.

Senator RYAN: When was the decision made to change the arrangements within the ATS to use that uncapped element for other initiatives?

Senator Carr: I would have to check the precise date, but it was in November of last year. It was a cabinet decision in November.

Senator RYAN: Was an announcement made about those particular changes in policy?

Senator Carr: We will check the precise date.

ANSWER

There have been no changes to arrangements within the Automotive Transformation Scheme (ATS). The changed parameters for demand under the ATS were recognised by Government in November 2011 (as reported in the Department's Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2011-12) and funds available as a result are being made available for automotive purposes.