

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Industry, Tourism and Resources Portfolio  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES  
**TOPIC:** NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES IN THE AUTOMOTIVE COMPONENTS SECTOR  
**REFERENCE:** HANSARD 29/05/06, PAGE E48

**QUESTION No.BI-20**  
(Hansard 29/05/06, p.E48)

In response to questions from Senator Campbell about the automotive components sector, Mr Ken Pettifer, Head of Division, Manufacturing, Engineering and Construction Division, offered to provide information on employment figures and the number of companies operating in the sector taken from the Department's submission to a House of Representatives inquiry into the automotive components sector.

**ANSWER**

A relevant extract from the Department's submission to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Employment, Workplace Relations and Workforce Participation Inquiry into Employment in the Automotive Component Manufacturing Sector is included in the **Attachment**.

**Extract from Submission to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on  
Employment, Workplace Relations and Workforce Participation Inquiry into Employment  
in the Automotive Component Manufacturing Sector**

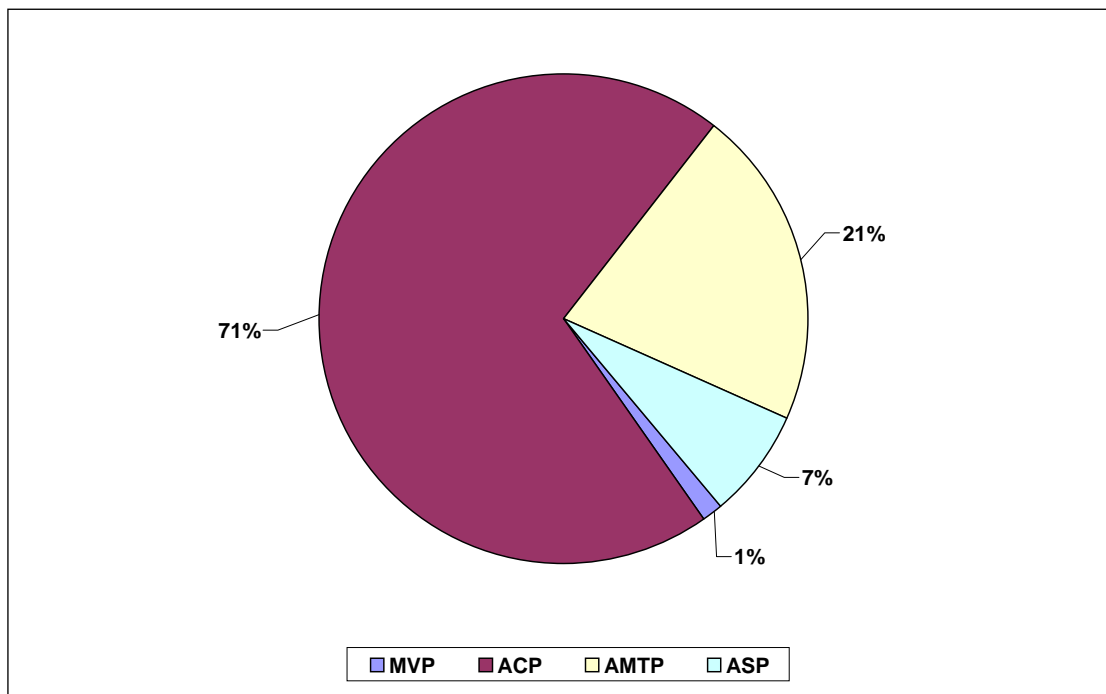
The Department is unable to provide a precise number of companies that are operating in the component sector, as there is no current data available. However, as at 27 January 2006, there were 254 companies registered for ACIS. The majority of ACIS recipients are located in Victoria (66 per cent), South Australia (16 per cent) and New South Wales (14 per cent).

**BREAK-DOWN OF ACIS RECIPIENTS<sup>1</sup>**

ACIS Classification	Number
MVP	4
ACP	203
AMTP	61
ASP	21

Source: DITR

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<sup>1</sup> MVP = Motor Vehicle Producer; ACP = Automotive Component Producer; AMTP = Automotive Machine Tool Provider; ASP = Automotive Service Provider;  
The table and chart comprise the number of past and current companies registered for ACIS

### **Current and future employment trends in the industry**

The latest available data from the ABS Manufacturing Publication (8221.0) contains employment statistics at the 4-digit level for the automotive component manufacturing sector,<sup>2</sup> for financial years 1996-97 to 2000-01. These statistics are shown in the table below.

Table 1. Automotive component manufacturing employment

	1996-1997	1997-1998	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
Employment	34,770	35,619	33,857	37,968	39,418

Source: ABS Cat no 8221.0 Manufacturing Publication.

The Department also recently obtained some updated employment statistics from the ABS, however this is at the 3-digit level (motor vehicle and part manufacturing). Using this more recent data and motor vehicle manufacturing employment estimates sourced from IBISWorld, estimates of automotive component manufacturing employment for financial years 2000-01 to 2004-05 have been calculated. These estimates are shown in the table and chart below. Care should be taken when interpreting the statistics due to high standard errors.

Table 2. Estimated automotive component manufacturing employment

	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005
Employment	46,757	41,648	56,731	55,650	48,450

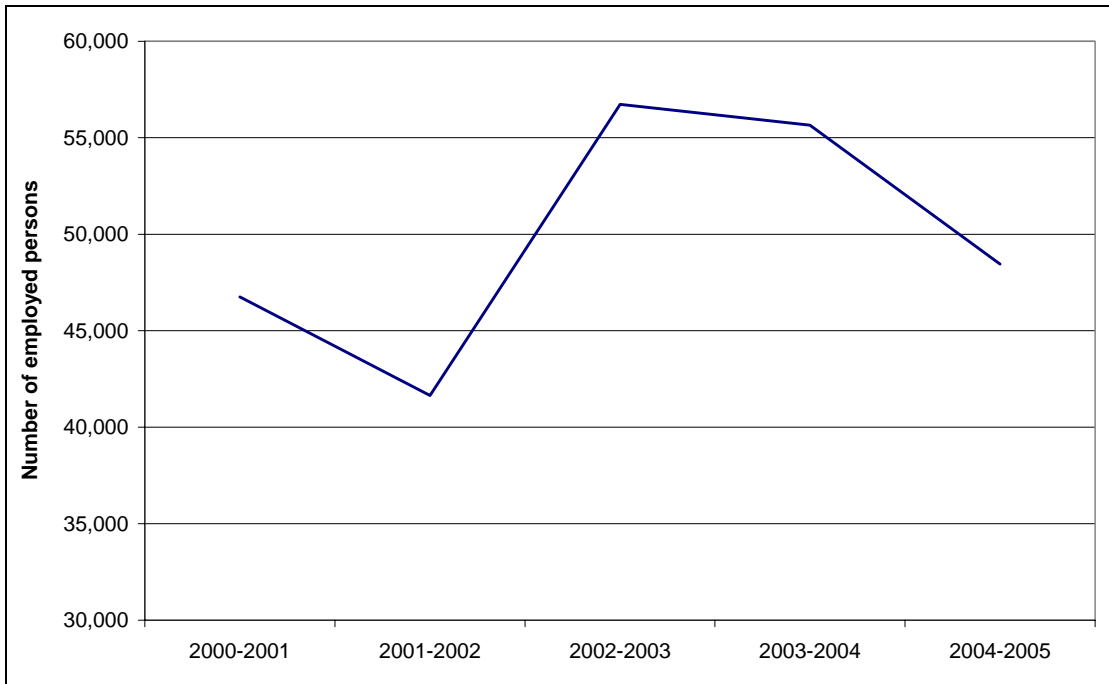
Source: Derived by DITR using ABS (3-digit data) minus IBISWorld motor vehicle employment estimates.

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<sup>2</sup> Definition:

For the purposes of this submission, using the Australia New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), the automotive component manufacturing sector has been defined as including the 4-digit level classifications "motor vehicle body manufacturing", "automotive electrical and instrument manufacturing" and "automotive component manufacturing not elsewhere classified". However, please note that "motor vehicle body manufacturing" would include some employment outside the terms of reference for this inquiry. This external sub-group would make up approximately 25 per cent of automotive component manufacturing employment, using this definition.

Chart 1. Estimated automotive component manufacturing employment in Australia



Source: ABS (3-digit data) minus IBISWorld motor vehicle employment estimates.