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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question: bet 111

Topic: Use of Unleaded Petrol

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Senator Joyce asked:

Senator JOYCE—What about agricultural use and what about mining use?

Mr Cassidy—I have spoken to you already about that. Ninety-one per cent of all fuel used by passenger vehicles is petrol.

Senator JOYCE—Passenger vehicles.

Senator Sherry—I will take on notice. I am not sure whether the ACCC can help, but I will get that specific data that you have asked for through another area of economics, if necessary, Senator Joyce.

Answer:

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) *Survey of Motor Vehicle Use* 31 October 2006, Cat 9208.0 Updated 19 October 2007 categorised vehicles into the following types: passenger vehicles, freight vehicles (ie light commercial vehicles, rigid trucks and articulated trucks), buses, motor cycles and non-freight carrying trucks.

Of the total fuel consumption of passenger vehicles, 91 per cent was petrol, 4 per cent was diesel and the remainder (5 per cent) was LPG/CNG/dual fuel.

There is no breakdown in the ABS survey of consumption of fuel by industry or activity (eg agricultural, mining industrial use).