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**Senator Abetz asked:**

**Senator ABETZ**—The industry employs about how many workers, do you think, or in your analysis?

**Mr Banks**—My understanding of that—and again the exact number will be in the report, so do not hold me to it—is that there are about 45,000 employees.

**CHAIR**—Directly?

**Mr Banks**—Yes.

**Senator ABETZ**—And indirectly?

**Mr Banks**—I am not sure that we have that number in there, but I can get back to you on that if you like.

**Senator ABETZ**—Yes, if you could, that would be helpful.

**Answer:**

In its recent study, Modelling Economy-wide Effects of Future Automotive Assistance, the Commission estimates the number of people directly employed in the automotive industry, involved in the production of cars and related components, at 48,000 workers (in 2005-06).

The wider Motor Vehicle and Parts industry employs between 61,000 and 68,000 workers, according to various ABS estimates. These estimates include workers employed in the manufacture of a range of vehicles, including cars as well as utilities, buses, trucks, caravans and their related components. They do not, however, include workers in other industries which are linked to the automotive industry, such as in automotive retail, steel manufacturing, or mechanical services.