

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

**TOPIC:** Green Car Innovation Fund (GCIF)

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Xenophon

**QUESTION No.:** BI-77

I note the Toyota Camry hybrid project has received a grant under the fund. Can the Department provide a breakdown of how much funding the project has received?

When tested by ANCAP, the Camry received four stars out of five for its safety rating. Given that many other cars, including the Toyota Aurion, have received five stars for safety, what conditions did the Department place on the funding for the project to ensure that the Hybrid Camry is of the highest safety standard?

Given that the fund distributes significant amounts of taxpayer money, how will the Department ensure that the cars produced do not only meet Australian design standards, but exceed them so that these essentially Government-funded cars have the best possible safety standards?

**ANSWER**

Toyota received a grant of \$38.5 million (GST inclusive) for the Camry Hybrid project.

All vehicles sold in Australia must meet vehicle safety standards set by the Australian Design Rules. The decision to achieve a particular safety rating under the Australasian New Car Assessment Program (ANCAP) is a commercial decision for each vehicle producer.

As above.