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TOPIC: Rebates for electric vehicles

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Eggleston.

QUESTION No.: BI-86

Why was the decision made not to fund rebates for consumers to purchase electric vehicles, bankrolling the car companies instead? (*Sun Herald* 18/4/2010).

ANSWER

Car companies are developing an array of technologies aimed at meeting consumer demand for green vehicles. As a consequence, the Government is not considering consumer subsidies for the purchase of a particular technology such as electric vehicles. However, proposals involving electric vehicle technologies could be supported under the Green Car Innovation Fund.