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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

TOPIC: Cleaner Car Rebate Scheme

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Colbeck

QUESTION No.: BI-101

- 1) Can the Department confirm that it sent a brief to the Minister dated 3 November 2010 about the so-called Cleaner Car Rebate Scheme?
- 2) Can it further confirm that the brief included the following statement: “Rationale for deferring the start date of the scheme includes: the recent Australian National Audit Office inquiry into the Home Insulation Program which concluded that there were many challenges with rolling out a complex program in a short timeframe”?
- 3) Can it also confirm that there was another section titled “What has the Government learnt from the failed Home Insulation Program?” as part of the brief?

ANSWER

The Department cannot comment on specific advice it provides to Government as part of a deliberative process.