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Senator COLBECK: Okay. I think we know where it all is now. In the case of the \$149 million grant for production of the Holden Cruze, is it true that its engines will still be imported?

Mr Paterson: The answer is yes.

Senator COLBECK: What about their gearboxes and onboard computers?

Mr Paterson: For gearboxes I think the answer is yes. As to the onboard computers, that is a much more complex question; I think we would have to take that on notice. I am not sure of the breakdown of which parts of the intelligent system are imported and which parts are supplied locally.

Senator COLBECK: So one set of engines would be sourced from Austria and the other two engines would come from South Korea?

Mr Paterson: There is a diesel variant and that is probably the one that is coming in from Europe. The other two engines are most likely from Korea. We will correct that if that is wrong, but I am pretty sure that that is the response to your question.

ANSWER

The Department can confirm that the gearbox for the Holden Cruze is imported. However, the diesel engine is sourced from Korea rather than Europe as stated at the Estimates hearing.

In regard to onboard computers, the Department does not hold this information.