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TOPIC: Funding to Automotive Industry

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QUESTION No.: BI-92

Who makes the recommendations as to who is to receive funding under the Automotive Transformation Scheme, and does the Minister sign off on each payment?

ANSWER

The ATS is a legislated entitlement scheme that provides reimbursement payments one quarter in arrears. A participant's entitlement to a payment is determined by the ATS Regulations 2010 and the ATS Order 2010. Copies of the ATS legislation can be found at:

www.innovation.gov.au/Industry/Automotive/NewCarPlan/Pages/ATS.aspx

The Minister has no role in respect of payments under the ATS.