

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

**TOPIC:** Departmental Vehicles

**REFERENCE:** Question on Notice (Hansard, Tuesday 29 May 2012, pages 21 and 22)

**QUESTION No.:** BI-59

**Senator RYAN:** In answer to question on notice AI-248—I think this is a question for the department—we were told that the department owned 13 cars. How many cars does the department now own following the machinery of government changes?

**Ms Graham:** Senator, we have 150 vehicles that are leased or owned.

**Senator RYAN:** How many of these, and particularly those you own—I appreciate you might need to take this question on notice, because I would like to know how many the department owns as well—fall into the top rating category under the Green Vehicle Guide?

**Ms Graham:** We will have to take that one on notice.

**Senator RYAN:** How many of those you own—and I assume all of those you lease, if not for the odd exception, such as four-wheel drives and things—were manufactured in Australia by Ford, Holden or Toyota?

**Ms Graham:** I do not have the breakdown in terms of manufacturing, but I can tell you that 23 of those vehicles are imported vehicles. Fourteen of them are special purpose trucks.

**Senator RYAN:** If you take the other information on notice, I would appreciate that.....

**ANSWER**

The department owns a total of 14 vehicles. This figure has not changed as a result of the machinery of government changes.

None of the department's owned vehicles fall into the top rating category under the Green Vehicle Guide as they are commercial vehicles defined as vehicles designed for the principal purpose of carrying goods used for business or trade. Of the 183 vehicles which the department leases, five fall into the top rating category.

Of these 183 leased vehicles, 133 were manufactured in Australia, 48 were imported by an Australian manufacturer and two vehicles were imported by a non-Australian manufacturer. The 14 owned vehicles are imported commercial vehicles.