

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

**TOPIC:** LPG Vehicle Scheme

**REFERENCE:** Question on Notice (Hansard, 21 October 2009 E59)

**QUESTION No.:** SI-36

**Senator ABETZ**—Can you please provide me with a copy of the scheme and whether there has been any variation or changes between the rules that applied as of February 2009 and now, because the page 3 you were referring seems to be different from the page 3 of the February document. I do not want to delay this committee any further on that now.

**Mr Peel**—I was just going to ask Dr Edwards to make a comment on that.

**Senator ABETZ**—All right. Thank you.

**Dr Edwards**—The latest version in the guidelines was in June. The requirement for the vehicle to be registered predates that change by quite some time. There has always been a requirement for a vehicle—

**Senator ABETZ**—Could you assist me and tell me where in that February 2009 document it says that? I have not been able to locate it, but that does not mean that it is not in there. If you could take that on notice, I would be much obliged.

**ANSWER**

There has been no change to the rule that excludes vehicles (other than new vehicles) which are unregistered at time of conversion. In June 2009 a change was made to vehicle eligibility to include registered vehicles which are purchased and converted before registration is transferred into the name of the new vehicle owner. The February 2009 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) include the following advice on the requirements for vehicle registration on page 2:

A vehicle is eligible if:

the vehicle was converted to LPG or the new LPG vehicle was purchased on or after 14 August 2006;

the vehicle is less than 3.5 tonnes Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM);

for new or used vehicles registered at the time of LPG conversion ;

the vehicle is registered in your name at the date of LPG conversion, and

the vehicle is for private use at that time.

for new vehicles fitted with an LPG unit before being registered

you are the first registered owner of the vehicle, and

the vehicle is registered in your name at the time of purchase and is a vehicle for private use at that time.

Note that only new vehicles can be unregistered at the date of LPG conversion.