

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

**TOPIC:** Green Car Innovation Fund

**REFERENCE:** Written Question—Senator Colbeck

**QUESTION No:** S1-76

What are the annual figures (up to and including the final year of the program) of what has been spent and what remains uncommitted in the Green Car Innovation Fund?

As part of the justification for the Government's increase in assistance to the car industry through the New Car Plan for a Greener Future was to take account of the onset of the GFC, has the Department been asked to undertake any work on starting to wind back this assistance?

As at 17 July 2010, what was the amount of uncommitted funding available in the Green Car Innovation Fund for 2010-11?

As at 17 July 2010, what was the amount of funding that had been committed to contracts under the Green Car Innovation Fund for 2010-11?

Are the broader financial circumstances of the applicant also taken into account when you determine if and how much money should be paid to that company under the Green Car Innovation Fund?

In relation to the Automotive Australia 2020 roadmap that was released, just prior to the election, how much Federal Government funding was devoted to the production of that report?

**ANSWER**

As at 30 September 2010, the Administered funding allocation, commitments and uncommitted funds for the Green Car Innovation Fund (GCIF) from 2010-11 to the final year of the program were as follows.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Budget \$million</b>	<b>Committed \$million</b>	<b>Uncommitted \$million</b>
2010-11	104.0	77.2	26.8
2011-12	173.0	105.2	67.9
2012-13	56.9	2.4	54.5
2013-14	21.7	0.0	21.7
2014-15	177.5	0.0	177.5
2015-16	105.5	0.0	105.5
2016-17	38.2	0.0	38.2
2017-18	10.6	0.0	10.6
2018-19	3.9	0.0	3.9
2019-20	0.0	0.0	0.0

**Figures are GST exclusive.**

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As at 17 July 2010, uncommitted GCIF Administered funding for 2010-11 was \$28.4 million (GST exclusive).

As at 17 July 2010, the Administered funding committed to GCIF contracts for 2010-11 was \$75.6 million (GST exclusive).

Eligible GCIF applications are assessed against five equally weighted criteria, including the capacity and capability of the applicant to undertake the project. This information is publicly available on the Department's website on the GCIF webpage at

[http://www.ausindustry.gov.au/Manufacturing/GreenCarInnovationFund/Pages/GreenCarInnovationFund\(GCIF\).aspx](http://www.ausindustry.gov.au/Manufacturing/GreenCarInnovationFund/Pages/GreenCarInnovationFund(GCIF).aspx) under *Guidelines – Customer Information Guide*.

\$384,175 (GST inclusive). The information is publicly available on the Department's website, on the Grants webpage at <http://www.innovation.gov.au/General/Corporate/Pages/Grants.aspx> under *April 2009 – June 2009*.