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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

TOPIC: GREEN CAR INNOVATION FUND

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Colbeck

QUESTION No.: SI-141

1. In the assessment of grant applications under the Green Car Innovation Fund, by what means did the Department review and verify the various companies' claims about the benefits of their proposed projects?
2. Have there been any requests from any of the successful applicants for changes to the terms and/or the deadlines for the projects – and, if so, on how many occasions has that happened?
3. Have there been any delays in meeting milestones on any of the projects – and, if so, how many?

ANSWER

1. Applications were assessed for eligibility by AusIndustry. Additional evidence, quantifiable information and independent technical assessments were obtained where necessary. The Green Car Innovation Committee, and where required the Innovation Australia Board, assessed the applications against the merit criteria, taking account of the claims and evidence submitted by the applicants. The Committee provided its recommendations on the relative merit of the applications to the Program Delegate.
2. Yes, six.
3. Yes, 11 projects have had delays in meeting milestones.