

**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:** Car industry funding amounts

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Bushby

**QUESTION No.:** SI-87

Various Ministers have said publicly that the cost of Australian taxpayers' contribution to car industry funding amounts to about \$18 per person. This line has also apparently appeared in various talking points written from within the Department. Has anyone within the Department also undertaken, or been asked to undertake, the accompanying calculation of what taxpayers receive for that money – by also comparing the number of cars manufactured by country per capita? If so, please provide a listing of the Department's findings.

**ANSWER**

No.