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Senator Mark Bishop  
Chair  
Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence & Trade Legislation Committee  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator

I refer to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee Budget Estimates Hearings in relation to Austrade on 2 June 2009. At those Hearings Austrade provided information on the Automotive Market Access Program (AMAP) which is part of the *New Green Car Plan for a Greener Future* announced by the Prime Minister in November 2008. In the course of the Hearing, two figures were mentioned in relation to the AMAP and Austrade's involvement in the program and I would like to provide some clarifying comments.

AMAP, which has been established to assist component manufacturers to access global supply chains, provides total funding of \$6.3 million over three years (this is the figure mentioned by myself) comprising:

- Austrade funding of \$3.7 million over three years including \$1.3 million for the first year. (This is the clarification made by Ms Bennett)
- The Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (DIISR) received \$1.5 million over three years to assist the Team Australia Automotive (TAA) activities in the USA and elsewhere
- DIISR will use the balance of approximately \$1.1 million for other related activities, including the funding of an Automotive Envoy(s). The Automotive Envoy will be a respected industry figure who can champion the Australian industry within and outside Australia. Austrade envisages working closely with the Envoy on missions and other important briefings to overseas vehicle and parts producers.

I trust this clarifies the figures mentioned during the Senate Estimates discussion on the Automotive Market Access Program.

Yours sincerely

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