THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUTOMOTIVE TRANSFORMATION SCHEME BILL 2009

SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Amendments to be moved on behalf of the Government

(Circulated by authority of Senator the Hon Kim Carr, Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research)
AUTOMOTIVE TRANSFORMATION SCHEME BILL 2009

OUTLINE

The amendments to the Automotive Transformation Bill 2009 expand the object of the Bill making it clear that the object is to place the industry on an economically sustainable footing. The Automotive Transformation Scheme (the Scheme) will achieve this by providing assistance to a participant based on the participant’s investment in the Scheme.

This emphasises the Government’s commitment to linking assistance to investment and innovation. In particular, the level of assistance provided under the Scheme will be contingent on the industry continuing to undertake investment and production.

The Government is committed to transparency and public reporting of the total amount of assistance provided under the Scheme. Hence, a new reporting provision has been included which requires the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research to include in its annual report, details of:

- the total amount of capped and uncapped assistance paid to participants under the Scheme during the 12 month period ending on 31 March in the financial year; and
- details of the progress of the Australian automotive industry towards achieving economic sustainability, environmental outcomes and workforce skills development.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Nil.

NOTES ON CLAUSES

This Explanatory Memorandum uses the following abbreviation:

- 'Scheme' means the Automotive Transformation Scheme.

Part 1—Preliminary

Clause 3 – Object

1. The revised subclause (1) expands the object to place the industry on an economically sustainable footing by providing assistance to a participant in the Scheme based on the participant’s investment in the Scheme.

Part 3—Miscellaneous

Clause 27A - Annual Report

2. New Clause 27A sets out the annual reporting requirements for the Scheme.