



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Elizabeth Lee MLA:

In relation to: Energy policy and energy efficiency programs

1. For each financial year since its introduction, please advise the amount of revenue raised by the Energy Savings Contribution (ESC) component of the Energy Efficiency Improvement Scheme (EEIS).
2. On page 13 of the Minister's Annual Report 2020-21 under the Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act 2010 it is reported that 100% of newly leased government passenger vehicles were zero emissions vehicles (ZEVs) where fit-for-purpose.
 - a. What is the total number of newly leased passenger vehicles by the ACT Government for 2020-21?
 - b. What is the number of newly leased passenger ZEVs by the ACT Government for 2020-21?
3. Do any non-ACTPS members of the ACT Climate Change Council receive ACT Government funding or work for organisations that received ACT Government funding?

Minister Rattenbury: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

1. The EEIS ESC collected each year from Tier 2 electricity retailers since 2013 is tabled below:

2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
0	2,228	4,088	1,138	2,783	2,163	2,231	2,579	2,607

2.
 - a. 111 passenger vehicles were newly leased by the ACT Government for 2020-21.
 - b. 74 passenger ZEVs were newly leased by the ACT Government for 2020-21.
3. The ACT Climate Change Council's (the Council) members are:
 - Professor Mark Howden (Chair);
 - Dr Paul Bannister;
 - Dr Cristopher Brack;
 - Ms Sophia Hamblin Wang;
 - Dr Arnagretta Hunter;
 - Dr Thomas Longden;
 - Ms Mia Swainson;
 - Associate Professor Aparna Lal; and
 - Mr Ben Ponton.

Besides Mr Ben Ponton, who is the public employee representative, all members receive payment from the ACT Government for attending meetings, preparing to attend meetings, and agreed out of session work. The terms and rates of payment are set by the ACT Remuneration Tribunal in Determination 13 of 2021 – Part Time Public Office Holders.

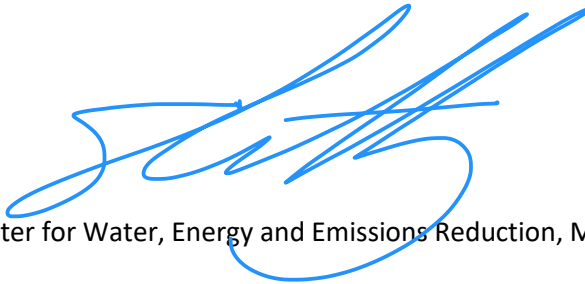
Council members hold a variety of positions outside of the Council, including their primary places of employment, and as members of boards and committees. The Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD) holds point-in-time records of these engagements, which are considered at the time that members are appointed by the Government to the Council.

Council members have an ongoing obligation to raise conflicts of interest that arise during their terms on the Council. Members may not disclose all ACT Government funding arrangements, if there is no associated conflict of interest. For example, a number of Council members are engaged by tertiary education institutions that have a range of different funding arrangements with the ACT Government. EPSDD does not have visibility of all of these arrangements.

Further detail on remuneration and other governance matters including conflicts of interest are set out in the Governance Principles, Appointments, Boards and Committees in the ACT - April 2021, available at: https://www.cmtedd.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/1045984/Governance-Principles-Appointments,-Boards-and-Committees-2021-FINAL-VERSION.pdf.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Environment, Climate Change and Biodiversity

Signature:



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By the Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction, Minister Rattenbury