



Legislative Council Economy and Infrastructure Committee

Inquiry: Inquiry into Electricity Supply for Electric Vehicles

Hearing Date: 12 February 2026

Question[s] taken on notice

Directed to: Australian Electric Vehicle Association

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1. David DAVIS, page 19

Question Asked:

I am interested in ways to smooth that transition. One of the things you mentioned is the risk of fires, and you are in possession of a letter from the insurance council – is that right?

Jo ODDIE: I believe so. I believe our ACT branch has a letter that covers off on –

David DAVIS: We would welcome that, because I have had representations from a number of people, including owners corps, that are worried. They are worried about insurance....

Response: Please find attached the Insurance Council of Australia Briefing note: *Managing fire risk from electrified transport in residential buildings*.

(Please note that this document is a briefing note, rather than a "letter" as described at the hearing). This briefing note can also be found in the National Library's web archive, at:

https://webarchive.nla.gov.au/awa/20240331110913/https://insurancecouncil.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/ICA_Briefing_Managing-fire-risk-EVs_Nov-2023.pdf

See attachment 1

2. Tom McINTOSH, pages 20-21

Question Asked:

...Do you think in some sort of geopolitical event where there was a slowdown or a blockage of fuel coming to Australia we would see a massive EV uptake at that point which might really impact projections that you have?

Jo ODDIE: ...Yes, thanks. We have done analysis on the liquid fuel security situation. We actually had a military security expert present a webinar to us last year on liquid fuel security too. If you became a member, you would be able to watch that webinar.

Tom McINTOSH: I will keep that in mind, thank you.

Jo ODDIE: It is a great webinar. I am just selling memberships here – not really; encouraging, let us say. But that is great information. I mentioned earlier we have very poor fuel resilience. I think the figure is we are meant to have 90 days of fuel in Australia. We often only just keep that in storage. I can provide this paper to you on notice – remind me, Brendan.

Response:

See attachment 3

3. Tom MCINTOSH, page 21

Question Asked:

Yes. I think it is a really good thing to look towards. Currently, all sides of government – no-one is prepared to take on the liquid fuel security thing. It is not front of mind for shadow defence or defence, really, whereas it should be, because it is a pretty big issue for Australia's national security. We have written to defence and shadow defence on the very topic, with fully informed letters, and we are happy to provide copies of those too if they are of interest.

Tom McINTOSH: Thank you.

Response:

See attachment 4 and 5

4. Additional response

See attachment 2 – AEVA options paper on road user charging