



Legislative Council Economy and Infrastructure Committee

Inquiry: Inquiry into Electricity Supply for Electric Vehicles

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Question[s] taken on notice

Directed to: Ross De Rango

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Question Asked:

Where do you think this fear comes from from members of the community? Is it misinformation or opposition to electric vehicles? Is it as simple as that? Or have there been incidents in the past that started that narrative?

Ross De RANGO: On the data, I would have to check, on notice, the precise numbers, but there have been on the order of eight to 10 electric vehicle fires in Australia to date on a fleet of about 400,000 vehicles.

Response:

My comment of 'on the order of 8 to 10' was based on my recollection of EV fire safe's published numbers in 2024, which had a number of 8.

Source: <https://www.evfiresafe.com/ev-battery-fire-data>

More recent data, referenced by the federal government, puts the number at 12.

Source: <https://www.energy.gov.au/electric-vehicles/electric-vehicle-basics/electric-vehicle-facts#:~:text=Fact:%20EVs%20are%20much%20less,of%20to%2022%20Oct ober%202025:>