

LPG CONVERSION OF FAMILY CARS — REBATE

909. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport
- (1) Will the Minister ensure the Government continues the rebate for currently eligible applicants on conversion of family vehicles to LPG; and
 - (a) if not, why not?
 - (2) Can the Minister advise if there is a CO₂ Emissions (combined g/km) saving that arises from having a family car run on LPG rather than petrol?
 - (3) Does the Minister agree with the data presented in the Federal Government's Green Vehicle Guide?

Mr W.R. MARMION replied:

- (1) Government will continue to pay the State subsidy to eligible applicants for conversions carried out before 1 July 2009.
 - (a) Not applicable.
- (2) I can advise the Member that newer model family cars demonstrate a small reduction in CO₂ emissions from using LPG rather than petrol, although the savings vary with the make and model of car.
- (3) The data in the Green Vehicle Guide is based on standard laboratory tests conducted in controlled conditions, and petrol and LPG vehicles are required to undergo identical exhaust emissions tests. The same tests are used throughout Europe and a range of other countries for vehicle certification. The Green Vehicle Guide data provides a robust basis for comparing the emissions performance of vehicles, including those operating on different fuels.