

### Brief status report

The Automotive Assistance Programme (AAP) has been promoted to more than 90 relevant companies – more than two thirds of the main supply chain. The AAP team are in advanced discussion stages with a number of companies, with projects totalling £2bn in the pipeline.

The AAP has to date announced one recent offer of support, with other applications now entering the due diligence phase. The Government has been pleased to note that several companies, including JLR , have been able to find private funding for their investment projects. This is good news for both the companies themselves, and the industry in general.

If all current applications are supported then all the available assistance will be fully utilised. The AAP team are therefore no longer heavily promoting the scheme, but are still talking to potentially interested companies. The team have also recently updated the guidance on the AAP website, to reflect the flexibilities agreed by Ministers at the Business and Enterprise Select Committee, and to improve the clarity of the guidance.

Looking forward, the AAP team's priorities are to deliver on those applications already in the pipeline, and manage the expectations of Ministers and senior officials. The team will also ensure that there is robust monitoring post-award, and work to meet the requirements of the National Audit Office.