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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

TOPIC: Next generation manufacturing

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QUESTION No.: AI-113

Can the Department provide an explanation as to why co-operatives are excluded from funding under current eligibility criteria for the Next Generation Manufacturing Investment Programme (Round 2)?

Will the Department consider changing the eligibility criteria to allow co-operatives to apply for funding under this programme and future government programmes?

ANSWER

It was not the Australian Government's intention to exclude cooperative manufacturing firms incorporated under State Acts from the Next Generation Manufacturing Investment Programme Round 2.

The department is currently investigating the eligibility criteria for the Next Generation Manufacturing Investment Programme Round 2.