

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**  
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Industry, Tourism and Resources Portfolio  
Additional Estimates 2005-2006, 16 February 2006

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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES  
**TOPIC:** FUNDING FOR COMMERCIAL READY PROGRAM  
**REFERENCE:** HANSARD 16/02/06, PAGE E69

**QUESTION No.AI-1**  
(Hansard 16/02/06, p.E69)

**Senator Campbell** asked about:

Can you provide a funding breakdown of the starting position for the Commercial Ready program, including the funds that came from R&D Start.

**ANSWER**

A breakdown of the starting position for the Commercial Ready program was provided in response to a question taken on notice at the 2004-05 Budget Estimates hearings. A copy of the response to this question is attached.

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**ATTACHMENT**

**QUESTION No.79 – 2004-05 Budget Estimates**  
 (Hansard 31/5/04, p.E77)

**Senator Campbell** asked about:

I have a couple of general questions relating to Backing Australia's Ability ... It specifically goes to funding ... I am looking for a breakdown of Backing Australia's Ability 1 from its inception to the point where it is superseded by BAA 2, and that is a breakdown of the amounts initially budgeted for each financial year of a package's life and done on a program-by-program basis ... The second thing I am after is what moneys were actually spent in each financial year. So, as well as the budgeted amounts, I am after what moneys were actually spent on each of the programs by financial year up to the point that it is superseded by BAA 2... Can you take that question on notice, about what the actuals were for each of those years?

**ANSWER**

Below are the actual budget positions for the BAA programs at the commencement of 2002-03 and at the completion of 2003-04. Some programs may therefore include pre-BAA funding.

**Table 1: Commercial Ready and Predecessor Programs Administered and Departmental Funding (as at 30 June 2004)**

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>Research &amp; Development Start Grants</b>									
Budgeted (as at start of 2002-03)	151.42	175.08	188.30	176.94	0.00				
Actual Budget (current budget as at 30 June 2004)	127.36	146.08	189.60	201.34	49.09				
<b>Biotechnology Innovation Fund</b>									
Budgeted (as at start of 2002-03)	17.82	17.00	0.00	0.00					
Actual Budget (current budget as at 30 June 2004)	12.82	15.00	6.20	0.80					
<b>Innovation Access Program – Industry (competitive grants element only)</b>									
Budgeted (as at start of 2002-03)	7.29	8.94	12.40	14.12					
Actual Budget (current budget as at 30 June 2004)	6.79	10.74	9.70	7.82					
<b>Commercial Ready</b>									
			211.00	226.66	193.19	200.00	214.00	221.00	221.00

Notes:

- \* Funding under R&D Start, BIF and Innovation Access Program (Competitive Grants) is transferred to Commercial Ready and combined with new funding from 2004-05.
- \* Funding in 2006-07 includes \$8.09m rephased from 2002-03.

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**Table 2: COMET Administered and Departmental Funding**  
 (as at 30 June 2004)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Budgeted (as at start of 2002-03)	14.00	10.00	10.00						
Actual Budget (current budget as at 30 June 2004)	13.98	11.02	12.80	13.30	17.40	17.80	18.20	17.90	11.60

**Table 3: Research & Development Start Loans Administered Funding\***  
 (as at 30 June 2004)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Budgeted (as at start of 2002-03)	17.02	10.00	9.50	9.00					
Actual Budget (current budget as at 30 June 2004)	7.82	11.79	16.90	9.00					

\* Departmental Funding included in Research & Development Start Grants Allocation (see Table 1 above)

**Table 4: Innovation Access Program – Industry (strategic funds element only) Administered Funding\***  
 (as at 30 June 2004)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Budgeted (as at start of 2002-03)	1.76	1.76	1.76	1.76					
Actual Budget (current budget as at 30 June 2004)	1.07	1.83	2.09	1.76					

\* Departmental Funding included in Innovation Access Competitive Grants Allocation (see Table 1 above)

**Table 5: National Innovation Awareness Strategy Program Administered and Departmental Funding**  
 (as at 30 June 2004)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Budgeted (as at start of 2002-03)	2.64	2.55	2.90	4.09					
Actual Budget (current budget as at 30 June 2004)	2.64	2.55	2.90	4.09					

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**Table 6: Pre-Seed Fund Administered Funding**  
 (as at 30 June 2004)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Budgeted (as at start of 2002-03)	12.00	12.00	12.00	9.00	7.00	6.00	5.00	4.00	3.00
Actual Budget (current budget as at 30 June 2004)	4.18	6.40	15.00	13.35	12.00	9.60	5.18	4.00	3.00