

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

**TOPIC:** R&D Revenue

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Eggleston

**QUESTION No.:** AI-10

Senator Carr has been reported as saying the new scheme will be revenue neutral (Fin Review article 1/2/10). Industry however has indicated that the new Exposure Bill will produce significant savings to the Government by reducing the amount of revenue forgone by around \$900m per annum (by reducing revenue forgone from around \$1.4b to around \$500m) and that their R&D claims will reduce by more than 50%. What has been the Departments assessment? Did the Department assess the estimated average claim reduction and the revenue impact of the Bill?

**ANSWER**

The Department of Treasury is responsible for the modelling of this program. Any questions relating to modelling or costings must be referred to the Treasury portfolio.