

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Innovation, Industry, Science and Research Portfolio  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

**TOPIC:** R&D Claimants

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Eggleston

**QUESTION No.:** AI-12

We understand from industry that there are about 7000 claimants each year under the current tax concession arrangements – can the Department inform us as to the actual number.

There have been suggestions by industry that the new Exposure Bill will reduce the number of eligible claimants by about half. What is the expected number of currently eligible claimants that the Department has calculated would not be eligible under the new Exposure Bill?

Has the Department undertaken any modelling to assess the number of claimants currently eligible under the current arrangements that would be excluded under the Exposure Bill?

If modelling was done, who did it and when?

If no modelling was done, why not?

Has the modelling been made publicly available, or provided to anyone else? Can they make it available so it can be assessed?

If the Department will not make it publicly available, why not?

**ANSWER**

The Department confirms that the number of claimants is 7,754 in 2008-09.

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