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TOPIC: R&D Activities

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QUESTION No.: AI-16

Given the new Exposure Bill will reduce the number of eligible R&D activities and claims, what impact will this have on future government revenue?

Given that the major component of reported R&D expenditure is labour, has the Department determined the likely number of future job losses as a consequence of the restrictions in R&D eligibility?

Has there been any modelling of the impact of the Exposure Bill on future government revenue and jobs as discussed in the above two questions?

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