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QUESTION No.: AI-19

Does the Department agree that this new Exposure Bill will result in reduced support by the Government for many Australian R&D activities currently eligible under the existing regime?

ANSWER

The new R&D scheme will focus on genuine R&D at the expense of normal commercial activities that are not R&D.