

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

**TOPIC:** R&D Article

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Eggleston

**QUESTION No.:** AI-20

Is the Department aware of the article that appeared in the Financial Review on 1 February 2010?

Does the Department agree with the view expressed in that article by the Amalgamated Metal Workers Union that the new Exposure Bill will decimate R&D?

Does the Department agree with the view expressed in that article by Ms Heather Ridout, Australian Industry Group Chief Executive that the new Exposure Bill will have “dire consequences” for Australian business R&D?

**ANSWER**

Yes.

No.

No.