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It has been reported that the proposed R&D regime will be the most onerous and restrictive globally. Can the department confirm that the current Australian R&D tax incentive represents ‘world best practice’?

ANSWER

The R&D Tax Credit is consistent with international best practice. Tax credits are already used in the United States, Japan and many parts of Europe.