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TOPIC: Retooling for Climate Change

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Following the Government's announcement during the 2010 election campaign that it would close the Retooling for Climate Change program, what was the last date from which applications were accepted?

Were any applications received after the closing date – if so, how many – and what was the total amount of funding being claimed under those applications?

On what date were the Department's and AusIndustry's websites respectively changed to indicate the Retooling for Climate Change program had been closed?

ANSWER

The program was suspended on 24 September 2010 pending a decision on its future. No applications have been accepted since that date.

No applications were received after the date of suspension.

The AusIndustry website – the principle source of online customer information – was updated on 28 September 2010 (the next available working day) to reflect the suspension of the program, and updated again on 9 November 2010, being the date the Government made public its decision to close the program.