**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Industry, Tourism and Resources Portfolio
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES

**TOPIC:** Portfolio Budget Statement issues – staffing levels and program management

**REFERENCE:** Written Question

**QUESTION No. B1-32**

**Senator Campbell** asked:

How much of the increase in administered appropriations is new money?

**ANSWER**

Administered appropriations are initially profiled based on expected demand for funds over the life of the programs. In addition, rephasing from previous years can also impact on these amounts. Therefore, there can be significant variations in annual appropriations from one year to the next.

The table below indicates where new initiatives have increased the level of funding for existing programs in 2007-08, shown as "New Money".

| **Program Title** | **Appropriations** | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **2006-07 $'000** | **2007-08 $'000** | **Change $'000** | **New Money $'000** |
| Commercialising Emerging Technologies Program | 9,700 | 14,000 | 4,300 | 0 |
| Commercial Ready Program | 172,129 | 210,230 | 38,101 | 3,300 |
| Industry Cooperative Innovation Program | 3,743 | 6,320 | 2,577 | 0 |
| Australian Stem Cell Centre | 6,500 | 6,000 | (500) | 0 |
| Intermediary Access Program | 1,300 | 3,040 | 1,740 | 340 |

New money affects two programs – Commercial Ready, where additional funding has been provided for Commercial Ready Plus, and the Intermediary Access Program, where additional funding has been provided to extend the pilot program. Both these initiatives were included in the Industry Statement Global Integration: Changing Markets, New Opportunities announced on 1 May 2007.