

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

**TOPIC:** R&D Tax Credit

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Eggleston

**QUESTION No.:** BI-91

Has the Department (and/or Government) consulted with particular industry sectors about the likely impact upon them of the new arrangements under these Bills? And which ones? And has it been determined that there will be particular sectors that will be detrimentally impacted by the new arrangements?

**ANSWER**

The consultation processes for the development of the R&D Tax Credit were public and open to all interested parties. Please refer to BI-81 for further details of the consultation processes.

The R&D Tax Credit is a broad based program and does not target particular industries.