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QUESTION No.: BI-93

Does the Department have any statistics about what percentage of all business expenditure on R&D in Australia is currently devoted to applied research and what percentage is devoted to pure research?

ANSWER

The latest Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) survey of Business R&D, *Research and Experimental Development, Businesses, Australia, 2007-08*, (catalogue number 8104.0) shows the following percentages by type of research:

Applied research: 32.10 per cent.

Pure basic research: 0.52 per cent.