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TOPIC: R&D Tax Credit

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QUESTION No.: BI-98

Will funding for AusIndustry to deliver the R&D Tax program increase in 2010-11?

How many annual visits to firms has AusIndustry typically made over the last few years to audit how the R&D Tax Concession arrangements are working?

How many annual visits to firms is AusIndustry planning to make in forthcoming years to audit how the new R&D Tax Credit arrangements are working?

ANSWER:

Yes.

1844 visits since 1 June 2006.

AusIndustry expects to undertake compliance reviews on about 15 per cent of R&D Tax Incentive registrations annually. Based on an estimated 10,000 registrations, this would equate to 1500 compliance reviews. It is not known how many of these compliance reviews will lead to company visits or detailed assessments (full audit).