

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

**TOPIC:** R&D Tax Incentive

**REFERENCE:** Question on Notice – (Hansard, 17 October 2012, page 68)

**QUESTION No.:** SI-30

**Senator URQUHART:** The registration for the new incentive opened for 2011-12 on 1 July, I understand. How is that registration going and are many companies applying?

**Ms Baly:** I think the officers that look after that program have gone as well.

**CHAIR:** Why have the officers gone?

**Ms Baly:** Because that is part of outcome 1, not outcome 2.

**CHAIR:** We were advised it was part of outcome 2.

**Ms Baly:** Apologies for that.

**Senator URQUHART:** All the questions I have are in relation to that so I may need to put them all on notice.

**Senator EVANS:** Maybe we can move on, Chair, and I will see if the officers are out the back. They were allowed to go.

**CHAIR:** See if the officers are available. We would like to have them brought back for this.

**Senator EVANS:** We will see if that is easy within the time frame and if it is not we will have to take that on notice; I am sorry.

**ANSWER**

Registrations for 2011-12, the first year of the Research and Development Tax Incentive, opened on 1 July 2012.

Companies have a 10 month window in which to lodge their registrations after the end of their income year.

As at 17 October 2012, 1486 companies had registered for the R&D Tax Incentive, for the 2011-12 income year.