Glossary

ABS Australian Bureau of Statistics

Additionality Activity undertaken due to an incentive that would not

otherwise be done.

Applied research Original investigation undertaken in order to acquire new

knowledge, directed primarily towards a specific practical aim

or objective.

Basic research Experimental or theoretical work undertaken primarily to

acquire new knowledge of the underlying foundation of phenomena and observable facts, without any particular

application or use in view.

Core R&D Experimental activities that are conducted to generate new

knowledge.

CRC Cooperative Research Centre; an organisation formed through

medium to long term collaborative partnerships between

publicly funded researchers and end users.

DIISR Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research

Experimental Systematic work, drawing on existing knowledge gained from development research and/or practical experience, which is directed to

research and/or practical experience, which is directed to producing new materials, products or devices, to installing new processes, systems and services, or to improving substantially

those already produced or installed.

Feedstock Inputs consumed by an R&D activity.

Frascati OECD report suggesting a common definition of R&D for

statistical purposes.

IA Innovation Australia, an independent statutory board which

assists with the administration and oversight of Australian government, industry, innovation and venture capital

programmes delivered through DIISR.

IR&D Industry Research and Development Act 1986

ITAA Income Tax Assessment Act 1936.

MFP Multi-factor productivity; that component of output that cannot

be attributed to factors such as labour and capital.

MJA Michael Johnson Associates; a firm that advises companies on

applying for R&D tax concessions.

OECD Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development;

international government-funded economic research body

specialising in comparative studies.

R&D Research and development

R&D activities Core R&D or supporting activities.

R&D entity A company either incorporated under Australian law, resident

in Australia or carrying on business in Australia through a

Attempts to claim R&D tax concession for the whole of a

permanent establishment.

RSP Research Service Provider; company providing services in

specified research fields to registered R&D entities.

Spillover benefit Benefit from R&D that accrues to companies (or individuals)

not undertaking the R&D.

Supporting activities Activities directly related to core R&D activities or with the

dominant purpose of supporting them.

'Whole of project'

claims

project when only a portion of it constitutes R&D.