

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES
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TOPIC: INDUSTRY COOPERATIVE INNOVATION PROGRAM
REFERENCE: WRITTEN QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

QUESTION No.44
(Written QON)

Senator Campbell asked:

What is the difference between the Industry Cooperative Innovation Program (ICIP) and the Innovation Access Program?

ANSWER

The Innovation Access Program, as announced in the *Backing Australia's Ability* statement in 2001, aimed to ensure access to the best overseas technology and science. It was established to enhance Australian firms' access to new technologies and accelerate the use of e-commerce business solutions, especially for SMEs. It also aimed to showcase Australian science and technology overseas and develop international bilateral agreements that support strategic science and technology.

The ICIP aims to encourage collaborative industry projects by supporting cooperative projects undertaken by firms to develop and use new technologies. It will support projects meeting strategic industry needs including those identified through an Action Agenda. The design of the program is being finalised with an expected launch in mid-2005.

QUESTION No.45
(Written QON)

Senator Campbell asked:

Will funds be shifted from any other Departmental program to finance the ICIP?

ANSWER

Yes. \$25 million will be provided from the Commercial Ready program.

QUESTION No.46
(Written QON)

Senator Campbell asked:

The ICIP discussion paper indicates that this program will be worth \$25 million over six years. Is this still correct?

ANSWER

Yes.