

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

**Inquiry into Treasury Laws Amendment (Research and Development Tax Incentive)**

**Bill 2019 [Provisions]**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Australian Taxation Office**

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**Department/Agency:** ATO

**Question:** 9

**Topic:** Number of registrations and average spend

**Question:**

1. Can you confirm that for FY18 the number of registrations was 11,454 (refundables) and 2777 (non-refundables)? If not, what were the correct figures?
2. On the above figures, if correct, was the average spend for refundables \$506,373 and the average spend for non-refundables \$2,304,645? If not, what were the correct average spends?

**Answer:**

1. Registrations are made through AusIndustry then claims come through to the ATO on a company income tax return. For the 2017-18 financial year the number and dollar amount of company return from R&D claims processed are shown in the Commissioner of Taxation's 2017-18 annual report.
2. The figures used in the Commissioner of Taxation's annual report relate to amounts of offset used rather than claimed.