

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources  
Treasury Laws Amendment (Research and Development Tax Incentive) Bill 2019 [Provisions]  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, SCIENCE, ENERGY AND RESOURCES

**TOPIC:** RDTI return in July to September

**REFERENCE:** Written Question - Committee

**QUESTION No.: 1**

Can the Departments and the ATO please list how many applicants complete their RDTI return in the July to September Quarter?

- What percentage of total claims are made in the July to September quarter?

**ANSWER**

The Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources (the Department) and the Australian Taxation Office (the ATO) are co-administrators of the R&D Tax Incentive (the Incentive).

The Department manages and holds information in relation the registration of eligible R&D activities, while the ATO processes R&D claims. Companies register their activities with the Department before claiming the Incentive through the ATO in their company tax return.

At 30 June 2020, there were 3,207 registration applications for the September quarter 2019 (1 July 2019 – 30 September 2019) lodged with the department. This represents approximately 30 per cent of total registrations for the 2018-19 income period. However, the 2018-19 income period is incomplete. Companies have until the extended deadline of 30 September 2020 to lodge their registrations with the Department. This figure will change as more registrations are received.

The Department does not hold information about the number of companies that complete their returns each quarter as this information is held by the ATO.