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QUESTION No.: BI-95

Given that the government has accepted the Miles recommendation that CRCs be restricted to a maximum of 10 years, is consideration being given to establishing a mechanism to transition successful industry-research partnerships to a more permanent arrangement?

ANSWER

The review of the CRC Programme (the Miles Review) recommended a revision to the programme's objectives and a shift in focus to solving a problem. It is expected that new CRCs will be limited to a single term of up to 10 years.

CRCs are funded for a specific term to undertake specific activities. If industry-research partnerships are successful and choose to continue after 10 years, that should mean that the parties themselves see value in it and can arrange suitable funding and governance to best suit their particular circumstances.