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TOPIC: Recommendation 18 from the Miles Review

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QUESTION No.: BI-96

How is it envisaged that recommendation 18 of the Miles Review would be implemented? Would other Australian Government portfolios fund CRCs that are overseen by the Department of Industry and Science or would they establish their own selection and oversight mechanisms?

ANSWER

The review of the CRC Programme (Miles Review) notes that the programme has demonstrated that it is a successful collaborative research model, and should be rolled out across government more broadly.

The Department of Industry and Science can provide central administration for policy initiatives funded by other portfolios on a fee-for-service basis underpinned by a Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Industry and Science and the funding portfolio, which can cover both selection and oversight mechanisms.

The existing administration of the Defence Future Capability Technology Centres Programme by the Department of Industry and Science provides a good example of how the recommendation could be implemented.