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Senator KIM CARR: In the charter of the national reference group, there is a reference to the working groups of state and territory consultative forums. That is on pages 3 and 4. The purpose of those consultations is to disseminate information to the broader business community. Have the working groups had meetings with state and territory forums?

Mr D Wilson: The AusIndustry state and territory offices each met regularly with the consultant and tax advisory community, mostly roughly twice a year. That aligns also then with the national reference group. Those meetings are done as workshops or bilaterals.

Senator KIM CARR: Could you take on notice, please, who you have met with and what the outcomes of those meetings have been?

Mr D Wilson: I can take that on notice, yes.

ANSWER

From 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 the Department met with the consultant and tax advisory community with regard to the R&D Tax Incentive programme as follow:

- 34 Consultant and Registration Ready Workshops and Information Sessions the outcomes of which were increased understanding of programme elements and requirements.
- 36 Bilateral Meetings and Programme Briefings the outcomes of which were the sharing of information, discussions on the status of the programme, resolution of administration issues as they arose, and to address consultant-specific concerns on registration applications submitted.
- 9 Roundtable Discussions and Forums the outcomes of which were to update consultants on the R&D Tax Incentive, receive feedback from consultants, facilitate improved mutual understanding of the programme, and to provide details of the information required in an applicant's registration.

In addition to these engagements, members of the R&D Tax National Reference Group were consulted out-of-session on the development of various guidance and education products.