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QUESTION No.: BI-118

In the foreword to the Australian Innovation System Report 2010, the Minister states that “the report describes ... what has been achieved over the last two years”. Can you please outline where, specifically, in the report readers can see practical statistical evidence of what has been achieved over the last two years?

ANSWER

As stated in the foreword, “It [The report] establishes a baseline for the performance of the system against the priorities and targets outlined in *Powering Ideas*. The report describes what has been achieved over the last two years, and the forward plans of various participants in the national innovation system, including governments, public sector researchers, and industry.”.

The report includes many examples of achievements and actions supporting innovation undertaken by the Commonwealth in the last two years in areas such as research capacity and skills base, business innovation, links and collaboration, and public sector innovation. For example, the Super Science Initiative (page 34) the National Enabling Technologies Strategy (page 54) and the Internationalisation of Research Programs (page 68).