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TOPIC: Jobs in the Pharmaceuticals Industry

REFERENCE: Question on Notice (Hansard 31 May 2010, E67).

QUESTION No.: BI-24

Senator IAN MACDONALD—Do you know how many people are employed in the pharmaceutical industry in Australia?

Mr Pettifer—It is about 40,000.

Senator IAN MACDONALD—Is that in manufacturing or is that in pharmacy stores et cetera?

Mr Chesworth—Senator, it is across a range of those sectors within the pharmaceuticals industry. There is a manufacturing element. There is also a research and development element, a significant element in clinical trials, as well as sales and marketing.

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Mr Chesworth—I do not have those, Senator, no.

Senator IAN MACDONALD—Is it available, do you think?

Mr Chesworth—I could try to get that for you

ANSWER

In 2008-09, approximately 13,650 people were employed in pharmaceuticals product manufacturing in Australia.

Figures for Pharmaceuticals Industry R&D employment for the last financial year, 2008-09, are not available. According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, in 2006-07, pharmaceutical employment in R&D was approximately 14,258 people.

For more information refer to the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research *Australian Pharmaceuticals Industry Data Card* at:

<http://www.innovation.gov.au/Industry/Pharmaceuticals/Pages/pharmadacard.aspx>.