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What are the differences between the kind of R&D tax regime to which this legislation is giving expression and the kind of regime that the Keating Government was promising to implement under the R&D tax policy it took to the 1996 election?

Assuming it is passed, how do you intend to judge the success of this legislation?

ANSWER

The Keating Government, on 6 December 1995, announced measures aimed at improving the accessibility, management and administration of the program. These measures included changes to better target the program, reduce uncertainty and close off opportunities for exploitation. The R&D Tax Credit has been crafted with these objectives in mind.

The operation of the R&D Tax Credit will be subject to a review.