



Legislative Council Legal and Social Issues Committee

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Question taken on notice

Directed to: Kylie Walker, Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering

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1. P.48 Gaelle Broad

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Kylie WALKER: I would be very happy to take that one on notice and come back to you. It is not our area of expertise, but we can certainly find that out and support you with that information.

Response:

See attachment below

Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering response to question on notice: Victorian Legislative Council Environment and Planning Committee, Inquiry into Decommissioning Oil and Gas Infrastructure

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The Australian Government's Department of Industry, Science and Resources has an [Offshore Decommissioning Directorate](#) to help industry identify grants and funding programs to support investment in Australian decommissioning.

A comprehensive list of opportunities for Commonwealth Government funding for the decommissioning industry are outlined on their [website](#):

- **Advice for business**
 - [AusIndustry Business Outreach Network](#)
- **Research and Development**
 - [Research and Development Tax Incentive](#)
 - [Cooperative Research Centres \(CRC\) Program](#), including [CRC Grants](#)
 - [Australian Research Council National Competitive Grants Program](#)
 - [Australia's Economic Accelerator \(AEA\)](#)
 - [CSIRO Industry PhD Program \(iPhD\)](#)
 - [Global Science and Technology Diplomacy Fund – Strategic Element \(GSTDF-SE\)](#)
 - The GSTDF-SE supports international science and research collaboration between Australia and selected international partners in priority areas. This includes advanced manufacturing and artificial intelligence.
 - ATSE administers the strategic element, in partnership with the Australian Academy of Science.

- **Commercialisation and business scale-up**
 - [Industry Growth Program](#)
 - [Venture Capital Programs](#)
 - [National Reconstruction Fund Corporation \(NRFC\)](#)
 - [CSIRO Kick-Start](#)
- **Export**
 - [Export Finance Australia](#)
- **Local communities and infrastructure**
 - [Urban Precincts and Partnerships Program \(uPPP\)](#)
 - [Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program \(rPPP\)](#)
 - [Remote Jobs and Economic Development \(RJED\) program](#)
 - [Northern Australian Infrastructure Facility \(NAIF\)](#)
- **Workforce Development**
 - [Priority Hiring Incentive for Australian apprentices](#)
 - [Workforce Australia](#)

Further information on each program is [available](#) on the Department of Industry, Science and Resources (DISR) webpage.