

*Industrial Research Incentives Act*

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Is it agreed?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

[*Editor's Note: Text of abovementioned table follows.*]

	1969-70	1970-71 (\$ million)	Increase	
IRDIA	22.7	30.0	7.3	32.2%
PAIT	4.5	15.5	11.0	245.0%
DIP	25.0	27.3	2.3	9.2%
	<u>52.2</u>	<u>72.8</u>	<u>20.6</u>	<u>39.5%</u>

**Mr. Pepin:** Mr. Speaker, in the past, the department has established five programs in order to assist research and development and I have before me another short table which I may be permitted, for the benefit of the House, to place in *Hansard*. This table indicates the increase in expenditures for each of these five programs.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Is it agreed?

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	Estimated expenditures	
	1969-70	1970-71
1. Industrial Research and Development Incentives Act (IRDIA) Program of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce to promote industrial research and development activities	22.7	30.0
2. Industrial Research Assistance Program (IRAP) Program of the National Research Council to increase personnel assigned to industrial research activities	6.4	7.4
3. Defence Industrial Research Program (DIR) Program of the Defence Council to promote industrial research activities	4.2	4.5
4. Program for the Advancement of Industrial Technology (PAIT) Program of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce to stimulate development of products and new production methods in industry	4.5	15.5
5. Defence Industry Productivity Program (DIP) Program of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce to encourage development and manufacturing of military and non-military equipment for export. Share for developmental work	25.0	27.3

**Mr. Pepin:** Mr. Speaker, of course, such programs are constantly under review for improvement. And in 1968, an interdepartmental working group was formed to examine these programs and recommend amendments for improvement. A review of the working group's conclusions and of the action taken with respect to such conclusions was tabled in the House on February 20, 1970. In that report, I indicate amendments which have been made to each of these programs. Today, of course, we shall speak only about the IRDIA program.

The paper to which I have just referred is entitled:

[Mr. Pepin.]

A review of federal government programs to encourage research, development and innovation in Canadian manufacturing industry and expresses a consensus concerning the IRDIA program, that to which we now wish to make some amendments, and I quote the part of the report concerning this program:

There is a continuing need for the general incentive provided by the Industrial Research and Development Incentives Act to encourage increases in research and development. While no changes are proposed to IRDIA at the present time, certain technical amendments are required to remove anomalies that have been noted as a result of experience to date.