



BRII Webinar Questions and Answers - ASEA

Using technology for real-time and accurate asbestos testing

About this document

This document is used to capture online resources and questions raised during the Business Research and Innovation Initiative (BRII) Regulatory Technology webinar, 'Using technology for real-time and accurate asbestos testing'. The webinar was jointly presented by the BRII Program and Challenge Agency – Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency (ASEA) on 6 May, 2021. The webinar participants and potential BRII applicants may find the list of online resources and list of questions and answers useful, along with the webinar recording that can be found on the business.gov.au/BRII webpage.

Online resources mentioned during the webinar

- [Grant opportunity guidelines – Feasibility study](#)
- [Fact sheet - Using technology for real-time and accurate asbestos testing](#)

List of questions and answers from the Q&A box during the webinar

Those with “Live answered” were answered verbally during the webinar. For your reference, the information regarding what time during the recording that question was answered has been noted below.

Q1: Are costs related to IP protection eligible under this program?

A1: Live answered at 27:36

Q2: Is the IP of submissions protected?

A2: Live answered at 28:24

Q3: Will a recording and/or copy of slides be provided after this webinar?

A3: The recording of the video will be available in a few days on the BRII website:

<https://www.business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/business-research-and-innovation-initiative>

Including closed captions, and the Q&A's. Also answered live at 31:10

Q4: If we have an existing relationship with Government (i.e. already supplying some Departments), will that impact our eligibility or chance of receiving a grant positively or negatively?

A4: Live answered at 29:02

Q5: What is the minimum, maximum & typical percentage of asbestos in typical materials?

A5: Live answered at 30:05

Q6: How/where can we get ACM material for testing?

A6: Live answered at 31:55



Q7: If an organisation is successful delivering a proof of concept, will a potential commercial agreement with ASEA be negotiated directly, or via standard public procurement?

A7: Live answered at 33:29

Q8: Is there any expectation that any technology developed can deal with all types of asbestos?

A8: Live answered at 35:04

Q9: While the need for new detection methodologies and technologies is understandable, is there any work being done, or considered, for developing new methodologies and technologies in the areas of management and disposal, where the potential for contamination is the key issue?

A9: Live answered at 37:34

Q10: Current X-ray and Infrared real-time technologies have many difficulties with detecting painted or covered materials. Regarding the non-destructive means requested: Is a suggested technology able to penetrate or sample an ACM in any way to be considered?

A10: Given the current state of play, a range of technologies may need to be considered. Solutions may be brand new, or they can build on existing technology and practices, or they may be a combination of both. Solutions could leverage advances in other sectors that also require accurate detection technologies or systems. ASEA is open to a range of solutions to help address the BRII challenge for accurate asbestos testing in real time, and current limitations with detection technologies.

For enquires regarding the BRII program, eligibility and the grant application process, please contact the BRII team at brii@industry.gov.au

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