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Australian Health and Medical Research

The Australian Society for Medical Research (ASMR) support the broad thrust of the ALP commitment to Australian Health and Medical Research. In particular

- Additional spending on universities
- 200 percent tax concession for companies investing in R & D
- increased research fellowships in universities and a new category of prestige fellowships

Dr Peter O'Loughlin, ASMR President, said today "I welcome those initiatives of the ALP which support the ASMR Platform for Health and Medical Research in Australia and look forward to seeing specific details of budgets and time lines".

Coincidentally, the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC), have today announced the 2002 Project, New Program and Fellowship Grants

Dr O'Loughlin expressed the hope that both the ALP and Liberal Party commit to a speedy implementation of the policies contained in "Knowledge Nation" and "Backing Australia's Ability".

ASMR's Platform for Health and Medical Research can be viewed at www.asmr.org.au/news/

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