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**Industry Canada loses $5 billion; Access request finds $7.4 billion lent, just $2.1 billion repaid**

In a recent access to information request to Industry Canada, Mark Milke discovered that between 1982 and 2012, the federal Department of Industry spent $13.7 billion on subsidies to business. Of this $13.7 billion, $6 billion was disbursed with no repayment expected.

This Fraser Alert reviews the payments made to businesses over the past 30 years and answers three important questions: how are taxpayer dollars specifically disbursed; how much is given with no expectation of repayment; and how much is disbursed with repayments expected?

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