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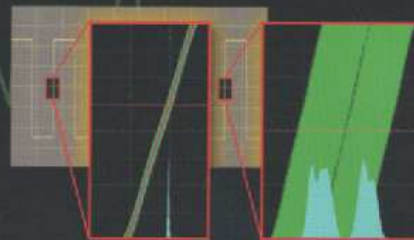
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### WHAT THE READERS SAY

#### GROWING THE SPACE INDUSTRY?

In reply to the news item on the UK investment in space exploration, addressed in the July issue on page 50: I'd like to point out that supporting a £7.5bn annual business with £2.5m amounts to 0.033%.

With research budgets in high-tech industries often exceeding 10% of revenue, this programme will not make any perceptible difference for the overall development of the UK space industry.

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