

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Budget Estimates Hearing – May 2010

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Outcome 1, Program General

Topic: Resource investments

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Senator Ryan asked:

Could you take on notice and provide to the committee a list of significant investments—I am happy for you to have discretion on that—in the Australian resources sector and the shareholdings held on behalf of ARIA?

Answer:

The answer to the Senator's question is as follows:

| Top Ten Australian Metals and Mining Companies as at 31 March 2010 | | | | | |
|--|------------|-----------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Name | ASX Ticker | % Weight in the Index | Closing Price | ARIA's holdings - Market Value | Number of Shares |
| BHP Billiton Ltd | BHP | 43.79% | 43.59 | 446,281,514.08 | 10,238,163 |
| Rio Tinto Ltd | RIO | 10.22% | 78.4 | 148,631,112.00 | 1,895,805 |
| Woodside Petroleum Ltd | WPL | 7.17% | 46.9 | 61,825,643.60 | 1,318,244 |
| Newcrest Mining Ltd | NCM | 4.75% | 32.82 | 44,932,221.00 | 1,369,050 |
| Origin Energy Ltd | ORG | 4.33% | 16.55 | 76,464,905.80 | 4,620,236 |
| Santos Ltd | STO | 3.64% | 14.66 | 7,007,426.46 | 477,996 |
| Lihir Gold Ltd | LGL | 2.14% | 3.03 | 7,007,426.46 | 2,312,682 |
| Oil Search Ltd | OSH | 1.90% | 5.96 | 38,112,954.36 | 6,394,791 |
| Fortescue Metals Group Ltd | FMG | 1.82% | 4.9 | 14,885,220.00 | 3,037,800 |
| BlueScope Steel Ltd | BSL | 1.58% | 2.91 | 35,472,431.49 | 12,189,839 |
| Total | | 81.33% | | 880,620,855.25 | |

Please also refer to response to Question 37.