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Dear Mr Raine,

Answer to question taken on notice

During the Senate Economics Legislation & References Committees public hearing on Friday 10 April 2015, Senator Milne asked about Rio Tinto's contribution to the Mineral Resources Rent Tax campaign.

In response to the Senator Milne's question, I am advised that Rio Tinto, in its Political Expenditure Return - 2009-2010, declared \$537,857.00 on printing, production, publication, or distribution of any material that is required by section 328 or 328A of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* to include a name, address or place of business.

Rio Tinto is a member of the Minerals Council of Australia, which made a separate return for the same period available at:

<http://periodicdisclosures.aec.gov.au/PoliticalExpenditure.aspx?SubmissionID=24&ClientID=27919>

Yours sincerely,

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