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**Senator Waters asked:**

I refer to the document called Regulatory Cost Savings Under the One-Stop Shop (the RIS) published in September 2014. Please provide an explanation of why the MCA's analysis is included that claim in the document?

a. Please give an example of a similar document produced by the Department which included a reference to claims from lobby groups alongside government analysis?

**Answer:**

Information about the Mineral Council of Australia's *The economic gains from streamlining the process of resource projects approval* report, was included in the Department's *Regulatory cost savings under the One-Stop Shop* to clarify differences between the Department's method and the modelling in the Mineral Council of Australia's report.

- a. Consultation is routinely undertaken for all Regulatory Impact Statements (RIS) and similar documents that contain government analysis. For example, the RIS *Streamlining offshore environmental approvals*, prepared by the Department of Industry, discusses industry consultation to estimate costs and savings associated with the reform. The RIS is available at: <http://ris.dpmc.gov.au/2014/03/19/streamlining-offshore-environmental-approvals-single-stage-regulation-impact-statement-national-offshore-petroleum-safety-and-environmental-management-authority/>