

## **Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

#### **Outcome 2 - Workplace Relations and Economic Strategy**

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000274**

**Senator McKenzie provided in writing.**

#### **Question**

##### **Fair Entitlements Guarantee - Queensland Nickel - recovery options**

What recovery options would be open to the Department of Employment to recover those funds from the Queensland Nickel group of companies, that is the related entities to which the assets of Queensland Nickel were transferred?

#### **Answer**

The recovery options will depend on the outcome of the voluntary administrators' investigations, described in response to EMSQ16-000270.

Through the Fair Entitlements Guarantee Recovery Programme, the Department can fund liquidators to commence actions, or the Department can itself commence actions, against companies and their directors to recover money or seek compensation for loss caused by voidable transactions, insolvent trading or breach of directors' duties. Money recovered from these funded actions goes back to the insolvent company to be distributed to creditors, including the Department.

If there are recoveries available, the liquidator will be entitled to pursue action against any entity who has benefited from the transaction and potentially the directors of Queensland Nickel.