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Question: AET 121

Topic: Minerals Resource Rent Tax

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Senator BUSHBY asked:

Background

The MRRT was designed by the “Big 3” mining companies to suit their particular circumstances. The smaller companies that had no say in the frantic and desperate redesign of the scheme immediately post the Gillard succession will be significantly and deliberately disadvantaged by the scheme with that disadvantage varying directly with company size. Smaller companies;

The smaller the company, almost by definition the greater the threat to its viability if a major new tax impost is imposed. The smaller the company the less likely its ability to offset its MRRT liabilities by establishing new projects with new offsets. The smaller the company the more financial damage will be incurred meeting the accounting requirements, EVEN IF NO MRRT IS PAYABLE.

121. What are latest projected revenue figures for the Minerals Resource Rent Tax?

Answer:

The latest revenue figures for the Minerals Resource Rent Tax were released in the Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook released in November 2011. These figures project net revenue from the MRRT of $3.7 billion in 2012-13, $3.8 billion in 2013-14, and $3.1 billion in 2014-15 total of $10.6 billion over the forward estimates.