

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace  
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
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**Agency - Skills Australia**

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**Senator Waters asked on 15 February 2012 , Hansard page 104**

**Question**

**Resourcing Our Future**

"Senator WATERS: Great, I look forward to that. Do you know if those underlying calculations—again, if you need to take that on notice that is fine, but I will put it to you anyway—do you know if those underlying calculations allow for the effect on employment in other areas from an expansion of mining driving up the exchange rate, driving up interest rates and driving up wages in certain areas? Does it factor in those negatives as well as those positives? Ms Paul: I cannot answer that. I would have to take that on notice. It sounds to me like it is what I was describing, which is that it is saying that there is a positive flow-on effect to other sectors from a resources sector development, which you would expect. But as to whether it goes to other economic factors—"

**Answer**

*The Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (DIISRTE) has provided the following response.*

The executive summary of the National Resources Sector Employment Taskforce: Resourcing our Future stated that "*each additional job in the resources sector may lead to a further one to three jobs in other industries*". This statement was based on a joint submission from the Minerals Council of Australia, the Chamber of Minerals and Energy Western Australia and the Queensland Resources Council.

Under the Terms of Reference, the Taskforce was asked to examine the scope and timing of major projects, analyse the expected demand for labour and consider supply issues and, to develop a plan to address labour and skills shortages in the sector. Whilst the Taskforce may have received submissions relating to 'the effect on employment in other areas from an expansion of mining driving up the exchange rate, driving up interest rates and driving up wages in certain areas', this analysis was not undertaken by the Taskforce.