

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2015-16**

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**Senator:** Xenophon

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**Question:**

**Senator XENOPHON:** Minister, I know that you are a seeker of truth. Would you have any difficulty in the government supporting a small project to establish where those subcontractors have gone to? I will even chip in. I will even put my hand in my pocket to chip in for an independent analysis.

**Senator Cormann:** I will take that on notice.

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**Senator XENOPHON:** You will get back to me about whether there is going to be a workforce analysis as to where those people go off to? It would not be too difficult. With the cooperation of the ASC, we could work out where some of those subcontractors have gone to.

**Senator Cormann:** I have taken it on notice.

**Answer:**

The Government commissioned RAND Corporation (RAND) to conduct a detailed review of the Australian naval shipbuilding industry, which included an analysis of Australia's shipbuilding workforce. In its 2015 report, RAND noted that the shipbuilding workforce had skills that can cross-locate to other industries, including the gas, oil, and mining industries.

ASC is not aware of the specific roles being undertaken by its former subcontractors.