

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

**TOPIC:** Fly-in, fly-out

**REFERENCE:** Written Question –Senator Waters

**QUESTION No:** AI-253

What research has the Government done on the impact of the mining industry's 'fly in, fly out' workforce on the families of the workers and on the remote communities into which they fly?

**ANSWER**

The Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (DIISRTE) has not undertaken or commissioned research on the impact of fly-in fly-out (FIFO) arrangements on the families of the workers or the communities to which they fly.

DIISRTE is aware that these issues may be examined by the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional Australia's inquiry into 'Fly-in fly-out (FIFO) workforce practices'.