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Question

Resourcing Our Future

Senator WATERS: That is good. I have got some follow up questions then. In that report, it is asserted at one point: Each additional job in the resources sector may lead to a further one to three jobs in other industries ... What do you understand to be the basis for that claim? Ms Paul: It is probably best if I take this on notice and we can actually tell you where the research came from precisely. But, for example, in the resources sector, this would be covering the flow-on to construction. Many of the jobs in the mining sector actually are to do with construction of the local communities, of the mines themselves and so on. That is just one example of a mining community, which, as you might imagine, in a boom area creates services industry jobs as well. Whether they be in retail or other services industries. It would be that sort of flow-on that would be talked about there. Given that I am stretching my memory backwards to 2010, I can come back with some more precision on that if you would like. Senator WATERS: I would appreciate that, particularly on how that figure of one to three was arrived at and the calculations and assumptions that lie behind that. Ms Paul: Sure. It would have been well researched. It would have been from our own economists or from other economic research. I would be pretty confident. We can identify that for you.

Answer

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

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.