

BHP Billiton response to Committee request for any additional information in relation to ATO evidence

On 24 April 2015 BHP Billiton provided detailed responses to questions taken on notice during the company's appearance on 10 April 2015. This response included detail in relation to the ATO audit and its current disputes in relation to the Singapore marketing organisation, including:

- The two matters that are the subject of open ATO audit, including the specific income years under audit.
- The amounts of all amended assessments received for these two matters, the years to which they relate and the current status of the objection process.

These responses also provided detail in relation to the tax treatment of its Singapore marketing organisation.

The ATO subsequently reviewed these responses and, in correspondence to the Committee on 1 May 2015, the Commissioner of Taxation noted that he did not believe there were any other issues that needed to be brought to the attention of the Committee, in relation to BHP Billiton.

BHP Billiton also provided responses to additional questions on notice on 15 May 2015 in relation to taxes paid and international related party transactions. The information provided in these responses is consistent with the income tax returns lodged with the ATO by BHP Billiton.

On this basis, BHP Billiton is not aware of any inconsistencies that exist in the information that it has provided and the information which has been provided by the ATO to the Committee. Therefore, BHP Billiton has no further information to provide at this stage and will continue to cooperate with the Committee in its deliberations.