

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
RURAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORT  
Inquiry into the Performance of Australian Maritime Safety Authority**

Answers to questions taken on notice at the Committee hearing on 25 September 2019

*Question (6 of 9):*

**Senator Brown:**

When you finally come to a decision on an amended marine order ... you obviously do industry consultation. What other data does AMSA use to inform the decision they come to?

**Answer:**

The data used by AMSA to inform decisions regarding amendments to marine orders will depend on the nature of the marine order, and on what data and information is available.

AMSA may consider some or all of the following:

- relevant internal AMSA data regarding:
  - o the fleet
  - o incidents
  - o compliance activities
  - o certification applications
  - o exemption applications
  - o queries received
- the results of internal and external consultation activities
- what is considered 'best practice' in that topic
- what similar countries are doing in relation to that topic
- contextual information for the marine order itself, including explanatory material for the National Law or National Law Regulation
- the results of specific surveys that AMSA conducts, such as the fatigue survey
- risk assessments
- the costs of the proposed amendment, and the offsetting benefits

The historical data provided by the states and territories to AMSA on domestic commercial vessels is poor. As a result, the data AMSA now holds is also poor. A considerable amount of effort has and continues to be undertaken to ensure the data is fit for purpose into the future.

AMSA has access to a range of external information sources, for example:

- basic maritime statistics for use as reference material
- incident data
- industry reports, including newsletters, monitors and outlooks
- Australian government websites providing information on shipping and trade, including the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development, and the Australian Bureau of Statistics
- Port state control information provided online and through web based applications
- International Maritime Organisation knowledge centre