

Question on notice no. 238

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**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee, Infrastructure,
Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts Portfolio**

Senator Susan McDonald: asked the Australian Maritime Safety Authority on 23 February 2024—

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2. How would the new strategy and process be impacted if the ANAO delivers an adverse audit report?

Answer —

Please find answer attached.

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Topic: AMSA - new strategy

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Answer:

1. No.
2. The new strategy and procurement process will be largely complete by the expected time of tabling of the ANAO Report, on this basis there would be little scope to apply any changes to that process. However, the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) would review the ANAO Report and if any recommendations were made, would seek to apply changes to future procurements. AMSA has well established and robust processes for reviewing any audit findings, assigning responsibility, developing actions and evaluating impacts of actions prior to closing findings. AMSA will consider any findings identified by the ANAO, with actions tracked until resolved.