

Question on notice no. 244

Portfolio question number: SQ24-000338

2023-24 Additional estimates

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

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Answer —

Please find answer attached

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Answer:

- a) The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) was disappointed by the Canberra Times article and felt it lacked accuracy and balance.
- b) Prior to publication, the journalist, approached AMSA for comment.