

Rural Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Supplementary Estimates October 2010

Infrastructure and Transport

Question No.: AMSA 01

Division/Agency: Australian Maritime Safety Authority

Topic: AMSA Chairman – Conflict of Interest

Hansard Page/s: Written Question

Senator Colbeck asked:

- 1) Can AMSA please advise on any situation where the Chair has removed himself from AMSA considerations due to a conflict of interest? When? On whose advise?
- 2) What Board discussions were had with respect to the *Shen Neng 1* and its removal from where it ran aground? When? On what date did the Chair declare a conflict of interest?

Answer:

- 1) The Chairman of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA), Mr Leo Zussino, advised AMSA in writing on 20 April 2010 of a conflict of interest in regard to the *Shen Neng 1* vessel and the decision to direct the ship into the Port of Gladstone following its grounding. The Chairman requested in writing that the then Deputy Chairman of the AMSA Board take carriage of any issues relating to this matter.
- 2) During the course of the incident, the AMSA Board of Directors continued to receive on-going situation reports.