

**Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**

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Consideration of Additional Budget Estimates February 2005

**Question No.:** RST 01

**Topic:** Detained Bulk Ships

**Hansard Page:** p. 116 (Monday, 14/2/05)

**Output:** Regulatory Group – Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA)

**Senator Bishop asked:**

On how many occasions in the last year (2004) have bulkies over 15 years been detained? Are you suggesting there might have been up to half a dozen such ships in 2003?

**Answer:**

During 2004, AMSA conducted 622 port State-control inspections of bulk carriers over 15 years of age and on 64 occasions the bulk carrier was detained, representing a detention rate of 10.3%.

During 2003, AMSA conducted 479 port State-control inspections of bulk carriers over 15 years of age and on 112 occasions the bulk carrier was detained, representing a detention rate of 23.4%.

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**Question No.:** RST 02

**Topic:** Emergency Beacons (EPIRBS)

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**Output:** Regulatory Group – Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA)

**Senator Bishop asked:**

What is the current proportion of search and rescue where EPIRBs have not been carried or were not operational? Do you have that data?

**Answer:**

AMSA records show 80 search and rescue responses during 2004, involving AMSA tasking a search asset other than for a medical evacuation from a vessel, that were not initiated by an EPIRB, representing 15.6% of all its search and rescue responses.