

Senate Standing Committee on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates May 2008
Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government

Question: AMSA 01

Division/Agency: Australian Maritime Safety Authority

Topic: International Maritime Organization (IMO) Conventions

Hansard Page: 55 (29/05/08)

Senator Scullion asked:

Senator SCULLION—As a country, we are signatories to a number of international obligations. Through AMSA I understand we would sign off to new treaties and obligations under IMO with reasonable frequency. I do not know what sort of frequency. From time to time, that is something that AMSA does. I will perhaps place this on record. How many of those have you signed off on in the last five years? You might want to take that on notice and you might want to supply me with those. I do not expect you to answer that now.

Mr Peachey—I might take you up on your offer and take that on notice.

Senator SCULLION—But particularly you might want to answer now in a general sense and perhaps place on notice specifically with each one of those what sort of consultation you would have as a policy? How do we consult with industry on each of those in Australia, or do we at all? Obviously different treaties and different things we are signing off on may require a different approach to different industries. You may wish to attach on notice specifically what you actually did, who you met with and what you said. That is why I am saying you can have that on notice. I understand Mr Sutton is looking more attentive than others.

Mr Sutton—The department works closely with AMSA in negotiations in the IMO and I think the general answer we can give is that there are extensive consultations with stakeholders in the negotiation of conventions so that AMSA and, where appropriate, the department sends along representatives to the IMO. We fully understand the views of Australian stakeholders in those negotiations. Following the finalisation of a convention, if the government goes down the path of ratification of that convention, again there is close consultation with stakeholders in the development of any legislation necessary to implement that convention in Australia.

Senator SCULLION—You might wish to add which of those we have actually signed and ratified, whatever the process is—there may be a multiple stage process—and indicate on each one of those what we are up to on each one. I would appreciate that.

Mr Sutton—Happy to.

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Answer:

The table below indicates the IMO conventions and the date of signature, accession or ratification by Australia since 2002:

IMO CONVENTION	DATE
Annex IV (Sewage) to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships	27 February 2004 (accession)
Protocol on Preparedness, Response and Co-operation to Pollution Incidents by Hazardous and Noxious Substances, 2000	16 March 2005 (accession)
International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments	29 May 2005 (signature)
International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-fouling Systems on Ships	19 August 2002 (signature) 9 January 2007 (ratification)
Annex VI (Air Pollution) to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships	7 August 2007 (accession)
International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage	23 September 2002 (signature)
Protocol of 1996 to amend the Convention on the Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims	8 October 2002 (accession)

Consultation

Industry stakeholders and other relevant groups are consulted at relevant stages in the development and adoption of a new convention. This includes during consideration of initial proposals for a convention; in preparing delegation briefings on the final text of the convention; and seeking the views of stakeholders on Australian adoption. Stakeholders are also consulted during the drafting of domestic legislation to implement a convention. This approach was followed for each of the above instruments.

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Question: AMSA 02

Division/Agency: Australian Maritime Safety Authority

Topic: Ships Inspected in Regional Ports

Hansard Page: 57 (29/05/08)

Senator Scullion asked:

Senator SCULLION—You are based locally, so I will do that. What percentage of ships would be actually inspected in regional harbours?

Mr Kinley—I can actually give you a full breakdown of inspection rates in each port around Australia, if you wish.

Senator SCULLION—If you could take that on notice, that would be great.

Answer:

In 2007, AMSA records show 64% were inspected in regional ports or facilities.

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Question: AMSA 03

Division/Agency: Australian Maritime Safety Authority

Topic: Frequency of AMSA Surveyors Inspecting Ships in Regional Ports

Hansard Page: 57 (29/05/08)

Senator Scullion asked:

Senator SCULLION—How often do you fly someone from, let us say, Fremantle to a regional port?

Mr Kinley—Again, I can give you full details on those rates, but it is very common.

Senator SCULLION—It is fairly common; you can provide that on notice.

Answer:

During 2007, AMSA records show maritime surveyors located at AMSA's Fremantle office travelled by air to a regional port on 114 occasions.

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Question: AMSA 04

Division/Agency: Australian Maritime Safety Authority

Topic: Appointments made since 24 November 2007

Hansard Page: Written question

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

What appointments have been made to boards, advisory committees, or any other quasi-autonomous non-governmental organisations (quangos) within the following departments and agencies within the responsibility of these departments since 24 November 2008: Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government?

Answer:

Refer to CORP 12.

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Question: AMSA 05

Division/Agency: Australian Maritime Safety Authority

Topic: A list of Quasi-autonomous non-governmental organisations (quangos) in the Portfolio

Hansard Page: Written question

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Please list all quangos within the following departments and agencies within the responsibility of these departments: Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government

Answer:

Refer to CORP 13.

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Question: AMSA 06

Division/Agency: Australian Maritime Safety Authority

Topic: Programs, Initiatives and other undertakings to be carried forward

Hansard Page: Written question

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

In relation to the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government and agencies within its responsibility, please answer the following questions in relation to each of the Federal seats of Banks, Lowe, Bennelong, Macquarie, Cunningham, Throsby, Barton, Watson, Charlton and Werriwa:

- a) What programs, initiatives or other undertakings of the Howard Government will be maintained under the Rudd Government?
- b) What programs, initiatives or other undertakings of the Howard Government will be reversed under the Rudd Government?
- c) What new programs, initiatives or other undertakings will be allocated to these seats under the Budget?

Answer:

The Government has made various decisions, including in the Budget context, about the establishment of new programs and initiatives, and changes and terminations to existing programs and initiatives. These are detailed in Portfolio Budget Statements, including for the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government. There are no programs in the Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government portfolio that are implemented or allocated differentially on the basis of Federal electorates.

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Question: AMSA 07

Division/Agency: Australian Maritime Safety Authority
Topic: ALP Website- Election Promises -Rudd Government
Hansard Page: Written Question

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Please advise whether the list of items under the policy heading on the ALP website <http://www.alp.org.au/> constitutes the total sum election "promises" made by the Rudd Government within the following portfolios: Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government

If not, please provide a comprehensive list which includes all promises referred to on the ALP website as well as those that were made but are not contained on the ALP website?

Answer:

As indicated in previous answers on this issue (answer to Questions on Notice 153 to 188 of 12 February 2008), the election commitments made by Federal Labor are on the public record. Those measures implementing commitments that are funded through Budget appropriations to the Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government portfolio are detailed in the Departments' Portfolio Budget Statements.