

Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority

OUTCOME: Agencies

TOPIC: Subsequent Inspections - Pyrenees Venture

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Rex Patrick

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In the File Note provided to the committee it specifically mentions that a key requirement of the ESP Code is that the vessel must be on a Periodic Survey schedule rather than a Continuous Survey schedule. The Inspection at Lloyds found that the Pyrenees Venture was on Continuous Survey and hence not compliant with the ESP Code and AMSA's Marine Orders.

I have recently checked LR Direct and it is stated as part of the Survey Status that the Pyrenees Venture remains on a Continuous Survey schedule and therefore remains non-compliant with the ESP Code and AMSA's Marine Orders. In the reply of 21 September 2021 "Answers to questions on notice from a public hearing in Canberra on 20 August 2021", page 6 NOPSEMA advised that there had been four (4) subsequent Inspections of the Pyrenees Venture.

1. Can NOPSEMA confirm the survey schedule the Pyrenees Venture was subject to as at 31 October 2021?
2. Can NOSPEMA explain why in 4 subsequent Inspections the Agency has not taken any action on the ESP Code and/or AMSA Marine Orders non-conformance?

ANSWER

1. Prior to 31 October 2021, the Pyrenees Venture followed the Continuous Hull Survey schedule. This is done in 5-year cycles. The current cycle covers the period from 2019 to 2024. Hull surveys and inspections scheduled for the current cycle are on track. Advice from AMSA has confirmed the hull age considered as 'reset' post-conversion with the survey 'clock' commencing 29th Sept 2009. Hence for survey purposes, the hull is currently considered as just over 12 years old.
2. Following the Lloyds Review, AMSA amended Marine Orders referred to in NOPSEMA's file-notes, in particular Marine Order 60 was repealed and replaced by Marine Order 47 (Offshore Industry Units). To comply with the ESP Code and the current Marine Order 47, duty holders are now able to apply for an equivalent survey arrangement such as a Continuous Hull Survey schedule or a performance-based inspection (PBI) regime. NOPSEMA inspections have been monitoring the Pyrenees Venture in accordance with the Marine Order 47 and a PBI is currently under development.