

Terms of reference

In this inquiry, the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Communications, Transport and Microeconomic Reform's terms of reference are: to inquire into, and report on, the Australian Maritime Safety Authority *Annual Report 1996–97*.

In conducting its inquiry, the committee's emphasis is on ship safety under the following five focus areas.

- quality of ships
- operational issues
- port state control
- crew training and competency
- crew welfare