

**Question on notice no. 241**

**Portfolio question number: SQ24-000342**

**2023-24 Additional estimates**

**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee, Infrastructure,  
Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts Portfolio**

**Senator Susan McDonald:** asked the Australian Maritime Safety Authority on 23 February 2024—

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**Answer —**

Please find answer attached.

**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport**

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**Answer:**

1. Yes. The Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) is conducting a Performance Audit to assess the effectiveness of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority's management of the provision of Aids to Navigation maintenance procurement.
2. Finalisation of the review is a matter for the ANAO.