

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2006-2007 ADDITIONAL SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
15 FEBRUARY 2007
EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO**

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 2: Higher productivity, higher pay workplace

Output Group 2.2: Workplace relations implementation

Output 2.2.6: Office of the Australian Safety and Compensation Council

Question Number: W1207-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

Safety standards Is there a link or any evidence of a link between safety standards and vessel registration?

Answer:

Ship safety standards in the Commonwealth's jurisdiction are regulated by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) in the Transport portfolio. This Department's responsibility for maritime safety is confined to the OHS requirements of a small number of ships in the Seafarers Rehabilitation and Compensation Scheme. AMSA enforces these requirements.

No data about vessel registration and OHS standards have been referred to the Department.

The states and the Northern Territory are responsible for regulating OHS in stevedores' workplaces.

Estimated cost: Based on the FOI calculator it has taken approximately 3 hours and 45 minutes at an estimated cost of \$70 to prepare this answer.