

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**

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**Topic: Shen Neng 1 Flyover**

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**In early April the Shen Neng 1, a Chinese bulk carrier, veered off course and crashed into the Great Barrier Reef, leaking oil across the water. A procession of Labor state and federal ministers, including the Prime Minister, took helicopter flights across the wreck to inspect the damage.**

- a) What was the cost to the Government of the Prime Minister's helicopter flight to see the Shen Neng 1?**
- b) Did any of his staff fly with him?**
- c) Did any members of the media accompany the PM on the flight?**

**Answer:**

- a) The Prime Minister was provided a spare seat on a scheduled Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) Dornier operational flight.
- b) No.
- c) No.